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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
ALL-EMPLOYEES MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER 29, 2026

EMPLOYEE MEDICAL HEALTH PLAN OF SUFFOLK COUNTY (EMHP)

ATTENTION MEDICARE-PRIME RETIREES CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN THE EMHP EGWP DRUG PLAN:

Effective January 1, 2027

What You Need to Know for January 1, 2027

Starting January 1, 2027, Medicare-prime retirees/surviving dependents/domestic partners enrolled in EMHP will be required to obtain GLP-1s for weight loss directly from Medicare through a program called Medicare GLP-1 Bridge. These medications will no longer be covered by the EMHP EGWP plan administered by Express Scripts. The program covers the following GLP-1 drugs for weight loss:

- ✓ Foundayo® (tablet)
- ✓ Wegovy® (injection or tablet)
- ✓ Zepbound® (KwikPen® only) The single-dose Zepbound® pen and Zepbound® vials are NOT covered.

Your cost for these drugs under this program is $50 per month, no matter your income level. This $50 payment doesn't count toward your Medicare drug plan deductible or yearly out-of-pocket limit. These drugs aren't eligible for the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan.

Attached please find the Medicare Fact Sheet that addresses eligibility and the process on how to get the GLP-1 drugs through the Medicare GLP-1 Bridge program.

Visit Medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) for more information about Medicare GLP-1 Bridge. TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048. This fact sheet is for general information only. Talk to your doctor to find out if this program is right for you.

NOTE: Coverage for GLP-1's for weight loss for non-Medicare active members and retirees remain unchanged and will be administered by CVS Caremark effective January 1, 2027.

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