



TO: **ITHACA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT POST-65 RETIREES**

DATE: May 3, 2023

Dear Retirees,

Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback to the Board. We have taken your thoughts and comments into consideration, and the District and the Board of Education are pleased to announce the following changes to the Post-65 Retiree one-time choice to return to a Medicare Supplement plan offered through The Hartford:

1) **The District is offering a second enrollment period:**

**First Enrollment Period**

Application Deadline: May 15, 2023

Plan Effective Date: July 1, 2023

**Second Enrollment Period**

Application Deadline: October 15, 2023

Plan Effective Date: January 1, 2024

2) **THE WAIVER FORM HAS BEEN UPDATED.**

*By signing this form and completing the applications for The Hartford Medicare Supplement product and the accompanying Express Scripts Medicare Part-D product:*

- *I understand that if I choose to switch my enrollment from the Aetna plan to The Hartford plan, the above benefit differences will be in effect.*
- *I understand that on average The Hartford plan will cost 23% more than the current Aetna plan.*
- *I understand that I will not be allowed to re-enroll back onto the Aetna plan.*
- *I hereby acknowledge that I have requested to switch from the Ithaca City School District's AETNA plan for retirees, to the District's The Hartford plan and that in making this transition. I voluntarily assume any risks associated with this transition. In addition, I hereby release the Ithaca City School District from, and waive, any claims arising out of, or related to, my transition to The Hartford Plan. I further agree that I shall not bring any claim(s) or action(s) against the Ithaca City School District regarding the insurance coverage or benefits provided to me under The Hartford Plan in the event that I change my mind at a later time.*

The new waiver is available on the [District website](#). If you are not able to print, please contact the District and a new form will be mailed to you. Email [Ithaca.Benefits@icsd.k12.ny.us](mailto:Ithaca.Benefits@icsd.k12.ny.us) or call 607-274-2110 (call volume is currently very high so please leave a message and speak clearly).

3) **The District is holding two Question and Answer Sessions.** You are welcome to attend in person or virtually. The sessions will also be recorded and available on the website for viewing at your convenience.

- a. **Wednesday, May 10, 2023 5:00-6:00 p.m.**  
**ICSD York Hall (Lower), 400 Lake Street, Ithaca NY**  
*(Virtual meeting link will be available on the district website)*
  
- b. **Tuesday, June 13, 2023 4:00-5:00 p.m.**  
**ICSD York Hall (Lower), 400 Lake Street, Ithaca NY**  
*(Virtual meeting link will be available on the district website)*