



TOWN OF MADISON MADISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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Re: Anthem Choices

Dear Employee:

Life can be complicated when your health plan is one state and your favorite doctor is in another. That's why Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, which is the health plan for our company, is expanding its BlueCare POS/POE network into New York, New Jersey and beyond by incorporating the Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New York's HMO/POS network.

As of March 1, 2007, you and your covered dependents will be able to:

- **Receive in-network coverage for services from thousands of doctors, specialists and hospitals in New York and many in New Jersey, Vermont and Massachusetts**
- **Choose a Primary Care Physician based in New York**
- **Maintain access to all the Connecticut providers in your current network**

For the most up-to-date list of New York-based and other Empire participating providers that you can see, visit www.empireblue.com and follow these steps.

1. Click on "Find a Doctor"
2. Click on find a doctor or hospital "in Empire's local area network"
3. Go to the "Select your Health Plan" section and in the drop down box select "HMO"
4. Follow the instructions to search for a provider by name or location

As usual, you'll find our Connecticut providers at anthem.com.

So go ahead. Choose a PCP in Poughkeepsie. See a specialist in Schenectady. With your expanded network, the options are greater than ever before!

Sincerely,

Marie Acampora
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