



Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium

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"Individually and collectively, we invest in realizing high quality, affordable, dependable health insurance."

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Dear Consortium Partner,

I am writing to all the municipal partners of the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium (Consortium), to request your signature on two important amendments to the Municipal Cooperative Agreement (MCA.) Please:

1. Review the copies of the Amended 2020 and 2021 MCAs attached;
2. Secure approval from your Board or governing body (a sample resolution is attached);
3. Via the Consortium's Document Upload Portal (<http://healthconsortium.net/governance/MCA>) provide the Consortium with a copy of the certified resolution approving the agreements AND a signed MCA signature page FOR EACH by November 1, 2020.

One of the conditions of approval of our amended MCA from the Department of Financial Services (DFS) was providing that each member sign a new agreement each time there is an amendment. Adding additional members is considered an amendment and from now on and going forward we will be securing signatures from all Participants every time we add a new Participant. Hence, two copies are attached: the 2020 amended MCA and the 2021 amendment with the new members included.

Other significant changes in the MCA contain a new governance structure which empowers an expanded and elected Executive Committee to oversee operations of the Board between meetings and to establish administrative guidelines for the efficient operation of the Plan. In addition, the Joint Committee on Plan Structure and Design will have the number of labor representative spots on the Board be capped at ten after the Consortium's membership reaches 58 participants. Furthermore, we have expanded membership eligibility in the Consortium to be offered to any municipal corporation as defined in N.Y. Insurance Law Section 4702(f) within the geographical boundaries of the Counties of Tompkins, Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Chemung, Cortland, Madison, Onondaga, Ontario, Oswego, Tioga, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, and Yates. We will be following up with DFS to secure a Certificate of Authority to operate in each county.

A copy of the 2020 amended MCA and the 2021 amendment, including the recently approved new Participants effective January 1, 2021 are attached to this email and can also be found on our website. Sample resolutions have also been provided. Once you have secured approval from your local Board, please send the signature page with the certified resolutions through our document upload portal.

Thank you for your support throughout this long process as we worked towards our mutual goal of approving a new document that will better serve our organization. We will continue to make resources available to you throughout your Board approval process, and if requested, come to your meetings for support when presenting changes to appropriate parties for approval.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, edowd@tompkins-co.org or 607-274-5590. I look forward to finalizing these documents and working with you as we transition to our new form of governance.

Sincerely,

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