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CB9 Resolution Calling On Elected Officials To Support Int. 1099-2023

WHEREAS the matter of healthcare is extremely important and must be protected for the 250,000 NYC retirees who worked for their healthcare rights;

WHEREAS Int. 1099-2023 legislation is currently waiting in the City Council for a hearing to be scheduled by Speaker Adams so it can move forward;

WHEREAS the NYC retirees are being forced into a Medicare Advantage Plan (MAP) with no alternative options provided;

WHEREAS this plan threatens access to the same level of health care, in that the retirees would be forced into a plan from the medical providers in the MAP, and would also be at MAP's whims for preauthorization decisions that may be based - at least in part - on Artificial Intelligence - instead of the medical decisions from their current regular medical providers;

WHEREAS the proposed plan would draw millions of dollars away from traditional Medicare into a privatized MAP;

WHEREAS the proposed plan sets a harmful precedent for the rest of the Nation;

WHEREAS the New York City Retirees have denounced this proposed change in different platforms and forums, as well as in the January 11, 2023, New York City Council marathon public hearing, that they have been subjected to unconscionable stress due to this violation of their earned healthcare benefits; and therefore

BE IT BE RESOLVED that Community Board 9 urges all of its elected officials to publicly support the NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees' efforts supporting Int. 1099-2023. We are hereby requesting the city maintain the original Medicare plan provided at the time of hiring and not force retirees into a private, profit-driven healthcare plan;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED we urge our elected officials to uphold the statute in New York Administrative Code §12-126. Consistent with these contractual and statutory obligations, the City has for several decades (since 1957) covered the out-of-pocket cost of the GHI Senior Care plan, which the majority of NYC Retirees have chosen, as well as other Medigap plans and

Urges the New York City Council to exercise leadership by voting to pass Int. 1099-2023

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