



**BOROUGH OF STATEN ISLAND  
COMMUNITY BOARD #3**

1243 Woodrow Road - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Staten Island, NY 10309

Telephone: (718) 356-7900 Fax: (718) 966-9013

Website: [www.nyc.gov/sicb3](http://www.nyc.gov/sicb3)

Email: [sicb3@cb.nyc.gov](mailto:sicb3@cb.nyc.gov)

**Health & Human Services Committee  
Public Hearing Report**

**DATE:** January 2, 2024

**TIME:** 7:00 PM

**IN PERSON:** No

**VIRTUAL:** Yes

**SPEAKER:** No

**Committee Members Present**

Frank Morano

Diane Peruggia, Chair, Health & Human Services

Vincent Bonomi

Jessica Francese

Carmine Gualtieri

Harold Kozak

Dennis McKeon

**Committee Members Absent**

Patricia Conway

Verna Lauria

**Staff**

Charlene Wagner, *District Manager*

Stacey Wertheim, *Community Coordinator*

Susan LaForgia, *Community Coordinator*

**Guests**

Susan Conlon Richmondtown-Clarke Avenue Civic

Sue Ellen Dodell, constituent

---

**Public Contact**

Sue Ellen Dodell, spoke about the retirees' healthcare issue. She reported that five community boards have already adopted the resolution and that NYC retirees are serving on the boards. City employees have been promised this healthcare for more than 50 years. Seven court decisions have ruled in their favor so far. They need this city council legislation to pass as the legal battle is very costly. The City Council votes on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.

**Agenda**

Continued discussion of NYC Council Intro 1099, protecting the health care choice of retired employees of the city of New York.

**Motion:** to support and advocate on behalf of the NYC retirees to preserve their earned healthcare benefits as outlined and promised in the statute in New York Administrative Code §12-126 when they were hired by the City of New York

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

**Whereas,** the proposed administration plan proposes to remove these 250,000 NYC retirees from their current healthcare plan; and

**Whereas,** the proposed administration's plan would require city retirees to decide whether to opt out of the new Medicare Advantage Plan (MAP) run by Aetna, which would save the City roughly \$600 million per year; and

**Whereas,** Int. 1099 of 2023 would require the City to offer Medicare-eligible city retirees and their Medicare-eligible dependents at least one Medigap plan with benefits equivalent to or better than those already available to city retirees and their dependents as of December 31, 2021; and

**Whereas,** the administration's proposed plan would decrease city retirees' access to the same level of health care held previously by requiring pre-approvals and co-payments and will limit the current list of doctors available;

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,** that Community Board 3 supports intro 1099-2023 in City Council to ensure that the City maintains the choice of at least 1 Medigap plan, equivalent to or better than those already available to city retirees and their dependents as of December 31, 2021, and not force retirees into a privatized Medicare Advantage plan.

**Vote:** In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Abstentions 0  
Morano Y; Peruggia Y; Bonomi Y; Francese Y; Gualtieri Y; Kozak Y; McKeon Y

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Because of DSNY budget cuts, there is no longer curbside e-waste pickup. Where-to-Turn will pick up electronics for senior citizens. Please contact either Council Member Borelli or Council Member Carr to request a pick-up.

Respectfully submitted,

**Diane Peruggia**

*Diane Peruggia*

Chair, Health & Human Services Committee