Welcome

Let's get started!







NYCHA's mission is to provide quality housing for New Yorkers that is sustainable, inclusive, and safe, while fostering opportunities for economic mobility.

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Congratulations on joining the NYCHA team!

Since 1934, NYCHA has been an integral part of the City's history. NYCHA stands as the largest, most successful housing provider in North America and provides safe, affordable housing with access to social and community services. As a new NYCHA team member, you are now an essential part of our long-standing commitment to provide low- and moderate-income New Yorkers with a decent place to live.

This booklet contains important information that will help get off to a great start. We also encourage you to visit http://nychanow.nyc/hr-corner, go to the New Employee Resources section, and click on the Start Here - New Employee Quick Start Guide. There you'll find important information about your NYCHA employment.

You'll receive your Employee Reference Number (ERN) in about two to four weeks from your start date. You will need that number to enroll in NYCHA benefits. To make the most informed decisions concerning your benefits, begin looking at the **time sensitive** items listed below. (Please note that you are not automatically enrolled in these programs.)

- 1. **Health Insurance**—you will need to complete your health insurance application within **31 days** to ensure coverage.
- 2. **Retirement Benefits**—choose the retirement plan that's best for you; the sooner you enroll, the bigger the benefit.
- 3. **Direct Deposit**—your net pay is transferred electronically to your bank account; a safer, faster, and smarter way to get paid.
- 4. **Commuter Benefits**—save on your commute by paying with pre-tax dollars; the sooner you join, the more money you'll save.

Read this information carefully since it will help you make important decisions about your NYCHA benefits and get the most from your NYCHA employment.

As you look ahead to your first days as a NYCHA employee, remember that every Housing Authority employee is ultimately focused on providing our customers with the best possible service. Whether you work behind the scenes or serve tenants directly, you must never lose sight of the fact that tenants are our customers and the reason we exist as an agency.

We welcome you to the New York City Housing Authority and wish you success!

New Employee Checklist

Pre	eparing for Your First Day	Fac	cilities/Systems (Continued)
	Review Your New Employee packet and NYCHA		Review procedures for getting supplies.
	ID for accuracy.		Review employee parking permit procedure.
	Check the name and address and phone number of your location on the Notice of Appointment.		Obtain a local map or site plan.
	Call you supervisor to confirm your reporting time and location. Your supervisor's name and		Ask about the mail system and delivery/pick-up procedures.
	number appear at the bottom of the Notice of Appointment.		Ask about the telephone system including telephone number assigned and voicemail
	Make your travel plans to your location prior to your start date.		recording and retrieval. Obtain a copy of telephone list.
	Ask about parking and places to eat as they may not be available on site.		Review Internet usage and e-mail retention policies.
Arı	ival at Your Work Location		Were you shown the location of the printer, fax, conference rooms, and recycling receptacles?
			Organize your workspace.
	Arrive on time.		
	Speak with your supervisor about the location of your work area, supplies, computer access, keys,	Int	roductions
	telephone, uniform, and tools as applicable.		Were you introduced to key personnel including co-workers, colleagues, and support staff?
	Discuss your duties and responsibilities.		Were you introduced to your immediate
	Review dress code for the location.		supervisor and other key supervisors?
	First Day(s) on the Job		Were you informed about the chain of command?
	Attend mandatory safety training.	_	
	Attend pre-service training if applicable.	Re	view Schedules
Fac	cilities/Systems		Were you advised of Kronos timekeeping procedures?
	Tour your workspace and the facility.		Were you informed about the time and length of lunch and breaks?
	Review evacuation plan and other emergency procedures.		Were you advised of time and attendance requirements?
	Review policy concerning assigned work area and duration of breaks.		Were you advised of absence call-in protocol?
	and duration of breaks.		Were you informed of your office hours and rules for after-hours or weekend access to the location?

New Employee Checklist (Continued)

Week 1-2 Week 3 Payroll/HR Paperwork ☐ Ensure all outstanding benefit applications and forms have been submitted. □ Explore your health benefits options. ☐ Continue regular meetings with supervisor and ☐ Enroll in Direct Deposit. solicit feedback. ☐ Complete enrollment in the NYCERS Pension system. Check your Notice of Appointment. If Week 4 you have Civil Servant status, you must enroll on your own or will be forced in within six ☐ Deadline: Health benefits paperwork must be months of appointment. submitted by 31st day of employment. □ Did you submit your NYCHA beneficiary form? ☐ Continue regular meetings with supervisor. ☐ Gather supporting documents needed to complete applications for: Months 1-3 o health benefits ☐ Continue regular meetings with supervisor to o pension, and other benefit options. clarify performance goals. □ Call Human Resources at 212.306.8000 to **Adjusting to Your New Role** address any additional questions. Confirm your supervisor has requested ☐ Meet with your supervisor to review your 1st quarter performance evaluation. computer access for you. ☐ Clarify first job assignment and performance expectations. ☐ Request training on the use of the computer and telephone. ☐ Ask about the Incident Command System policy regarding reporting to work during emergencies.

NYCHA Benefits and Programs Summary

Health Benefits

nyc.gov/olr

You will receive a customized email with information about your health insurance enrollment. Complete your health benefit application on NYCAPS/ESS within 31 days of your appointment date to avoid delays.

Your health coverage start date depends on your title and/or employment status. Please contact HR for details.

Health Benefits Buy-Out Program

nyc.gov/html/opa

This program allows eligible employees who can obtain non- City group health benefits to waive their New York City health benefits in return for an annual cash incentive payment.

New York City Employees' Retirement System (NYCERS) nycers.org

All Civil Service and labor class (caretakers) employees are required to join the retirement system upon completing six months of service. Provisional and non-competitive employees are not required to join the retirement system. However, they may enroll voluntarily at any time.

Direct Deposit

nyc.gov/html/opa

A faster, safer, and greener way to access your paycheck. Funds are credited directly to your existing bank account.

NYC Deferred Compensation Plan (457 and 401k) *nyc.gov/html/opa*

This plan lets you save for retirement through pre-tax payroll deductions by funding a 457 and/or 401K.

Flexible Spending Accounts Program

nyc.gov/olr

The program allows City employees to deposit a portion of their pre-tax income into accounts maintained for certain health and dependent care expenses.

Health Care Flexible Spending Account (HCFSA)

nyc.gov/olr

Enables City employees to pay for eligible out-ofpocket medical, dental, vision, and hearing expenses on a pre-tax basis, with deductions taken directly from salary.

These deductions reduce an employee's gross income on his or her Form W-2 for federal and Social Security tax purposes.

Dependent Care Assistance Program (DeCAP)

nyc.gov/olr

Allows City employees to pay for eligible dependent care expenses on a pre-tax basis, with deductions taken directly from paychecks.

These deductions reduce an employee's gross income on his or her Form W-2 for federal and Social Security tax purposes.

NYC Gives

nyc.gov/html/opa

Allows employees to make contributions to over 900 participating charities.

Employee Blood Program

nyc.gov/dcas

Help save a life by donating blood at a NYCHA sponsored blood drive.

Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

nyc.gov/olr

The City of New York offers its employees and their dependents a helping hand through a network of EAPs. Generally, an EAP provides education, information, counseling, and individualized referrals to assist with a wide range of personal and social problems.

NYCHA Benefits and Programs Summary (Continued)

New York's 529 College Savings Program

nyc.gov/html/opa

A tax-advantaged program that allows NYCHA employees to save for college for through payroll deductions.

Edenred Commuter Benefits Program

https://www1.nyc.gov/site/opa/commuters/commuters.page

The City offers eligible employees the opportunity to use pre- tax earnings to cover certain public transportation costs through the Commuter Benefits Program.

Annual Accrued Leave Time

NYCHA Connect HR Site

NYCHA employees earn leave time monthly. Earned leave time may be used for sickness, personal reasons, or vacation. Employees may accumulate and carry over unused time from year to year. The amount of time earned for each employee is based upon their title, time in service, and union or association collective bargaining agreements.

Flex-Time

NYCHA Connect HR Site

Employees who work at NYCHA's Central Office locations—250 Broadway, 90 Church Street, Long Island City, and its extensions—may use flex time schedules in accordance with their department requirements.

Payroll Rent Deduction Program

nyc.gov/nycha

NYCHA resident employees may pay their NYCHA rent through automatic bi-monthly payroll deductions.

Municipal Credit Union (MCU)

nyc.gov/html/opa

The MCU is a full-service financial institution. It offers members a broad range of services including checking and savings accounts, Visa cards, mortgages, loans, ATM access, money market accounts, and individual retirement accounts. All City employees are eligible to join the MCU.

Management Benefit Fund (MBF)

nyc.gov/olr

The MBF provides supplemental benefits to the nonunionized personnel of the City of New York, which includes all managerial, confidential, and original jurisdiction employees and retirees.

NYC Well

nyc.gov/nycwell

NYC Well is your connection to free, confidential mental health support. Speak to counselors via phone, text, or chat to get access to mental health and substance misuse services, 24/7/365.

Employee Self-Service (ESS)

nyc.gov/html/opa

ESS provides online access for you to:

- Add or update emergency contacts
- Change your:
 - Name and/or address
 - Personal information such as phone number, gender, and ethnic group
- View:
 - Data such as date of birth, original hire date, military status, and email address
 - Pension information
 - Leave statements
 - Pay detail and deduction history
- Enroll in and update Direct Deposit information
- View and print W-2 and 1127 tax statements
- View and print electronic pay stubs
- View, enroll in, and update your College Savings, IRA, and Treasury Direct Payroll Deductions
- View, enroll in and update your Commuter Benefits Payroll Deductions
- Enroll in benefits during Annual Transfer period or during the New Hire process
- Add or drop Dependents
- View and print Verification Letters and NYCERS Buyback Statement

For more information about benefits and ESS, visit the New York City Web site at: nyc.gov

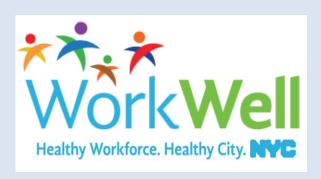
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NYCHA Benefits and Programs Summary (Continued)

WorkWell NYC

nyc.gov/olr

Wellness solutions such as diabetes prevention and management as well as smoking cessation to support NYC employees in getting and staying healthy.



GOT QUESTIONS?

Call Human Resources. 212.306.8000

- Health Benefits
- HR Policies and Procedures
- Leave of Absence
- Retirement
- Salaries
- Training
- Transfers and Promotions

FAQs

At NYCHA, we strive to enable every employee to do their best work. When employees are empowered to contribute their best efforts toward the accomplishment of our goals, we are that much closer to making our vision of safe, clean, and connected communities for NYCHA residents a reality.

BENEFITS FAQs

How do I enroll for a health benefit plan?

To enroll in health insurance, visit the <u>Employee Self-Service (ESS)</u> NYCAPS portal within 31 days of your NYCHA appointment. Note that you will need to email copies of necessary documentation: birth certificates, marriage certificates, domestic partnership affidavits, and adoption or guardianship papers to <u>hr.benefits@nycha.nyc.gov</u>.

When will my health insurance begin?

The effective date of your health benefits is dependent upon the civil service classification you have when you are appointed to your new job (See Table 1 on Page 12).

Who can be covered by my NYC health plan?

All employees who regularly work at least 20 hours per week and whose appointment is expected to last for more than six months.

You can enroll your legally married husband or wife, legally registered domestic partner, and/or children up to age 26 (including legally adopted children, stepchildren, and foster children) and any child for whom you are legally responsible for support and maintenance.

You may additionally cover unmarried children, who cannot support themselves because of a disability or handicap, if the disability or handicap occurred before the age at which coverage would otherwise terminate, and the City covered the dependent at that time.

BENEFITS FAQs (Continued)

What if I have other medical coverage? Do I have to enroll in an NYC plan?

The Medical Spending Conversion (MSC) allows City employees to receive an annual incentive payment in exchange for waiving their City health benefits when other non-City group coverage is available to them.

Employees waiving family coverage receive \$1,000 per year. Employees waiving individual coverage receive \$500 per year. All money received from the Health Benefit Buy-Out Waiver Program is taxable.

Where can I get information about health plans offered by NYC and the rates?

The NYC Department of Labor Relations website provides all the information you need to help you select a health plan that is right for you. You can access the site at:

https://www1.nyc.gov/site/olr/health/active/health-active-responsibilities.page.

Plan riders (extra coverage for prescriptions or services) offer benefits that may be included in your union welfare fund package. Check carefully before adding and paying for a rider.

On the following pages, please see the HR memo concerning your health plan options and rates, as well as a health plan description.

Table 1

Category	Description	Effective Health Insurance Date
Civil Service	Competitive Class are titles where, based on job duties and responsibilities, it is practicable to develop examinations where qualified applicants, after passing an examination, are eligible for permanent appointment from a rank order list.	Appointment date, provided Health Insurance Enrollment form (ERB 2000) is submitted within 31 days of appointment.
Exempt	Exempt titles are like non-competitive class in that there is no examination requirement. In addition, there are no formal education or experience requirements. This category is limited to jobs at an extremely high organizational level where appointment is usually made by a duly elected or appointed public official.	Appointment date, provided Health Insurance Enrollment form (ERB 2000) is submitted within 31 days of appointment.
Labor Class	Labor Class includes unskilled laborers, except those whose positions can be examined for competitively. A position in the labor class may be filled by the appointment of any person selected by the appointing authority. Some labor class positions may require applicants to qualify in such tests of fitness for employment as may be deemed practicable.	Appointment date, provided that that Health Insurance Enrollment form (ERB 2000) is submitted within 31 days of appointment.
Non-Competitive: Experience and education required	Non-Competitive Class are titles where it has been determined that, based on job duties and responsibilities or unique qualification requirements, it is not practicable to develop an examination. For example, Agency Attorney is noncompetitive based on the need to be admitted to the New York State Bar to qualify.	Appointment date, provided that that Health Insurance Enrollment form (ERB 2000) is submitted within 31 days of appointment.
Non-Competitive: No experience and education required	See description for Non-Competitive: experience and education required.	First day of pay period after 90 days of employment.
Provisional	Provisional appointments are non-permanent assignments to competitive class positions. Generally, a provisional appointment is made when there is no civil service list for a particular title. Someone can serve provisionally in a competitive class title until a list is established. A provisional hire is an interim method of filling a position pending permanent appointment from a subsequent civil service list.	First day of pay period after 90 days of employment.
Temporary	Employment is not expected to last more than a six-month period.	First day of pay period after 90 days of employment.

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Human Resources Department Health Plan Memo



HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

90 Church Street | 5th FL | New York, NY 10007 | (212) 306-8000

TO: All Employees Hired on or after October 1, 2022

FROM: Human Resources Department

SUBJECT: HEALTH PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES NEWLY HIRED ON OR October 1, 2022

Beginning October 1, 2022, all newly hired employees, and their eligible dependents, will <u>only</u> be eligible to enroll in the EmblemHealth HIP HMO Preferred Plan and must remain in the HIP HMO Preferred Plan for the first year (365 days) of employment.

Employees with an original hire date prior to October 1, 2022, including rehires and agency transfers are not subject to this requirement.

I. Employees electing City Health Coverage - must select one of the following

Bi-weekly Rate	
bi-weekiy kate	Bi-Weekly Rate
\$0.00	\$0.00
\$4.46	\$10.93
\$54.18	\$102.08
	\$4.46

Thirty days before the end of the first year of employment, employees will have the option of either remaining in the HIP HMO Preferred Plan or selecting a different health plan. If a new health plan is selected, the new plan will be effective on the 366th day. (Start of the second year of employment)

Only after completing the first year of employment can employees participate in the Annual Fall Transfer Period.

II. Opt-Out of the HIP HMO Preferred Plan

Employees or eligible dependents may request an exemption from the required enrollment in the HIP HMO Preferred Plan if they meet the following criteria.

 Resides outside of the HIP HMO service area (HIP service area includes the five boroughs of New York City as well as Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland and Westchester counties, New Jersey and Connecticut) and cannot access primary care with one of the HMO providers.

Human Resources Department Health Plan Memo (Continued)

- The employee or eligible dependent is being treated by a non-network provider for a life
 threatening or disabling disease or condition and is receiving ongoing treatment for a
 catastrophic or terminal illness or has a condition that requires complex case management
 (such as ventilator dependence or trauma).
- The employee is moving out of a HIP HMO service area during the 365-day period. In this case, the request must be submitted within 30 days of the move.

To request an exemption from the required enrollment in the HIP HMO plan, employees must complete and submit a HIP HMO Opt-Out Request form along with supporting documentation to cityagencies@emblemhealth.com or by fax to 212-510-5919.

EmblemHealth will notify the employee of the decision. If the Opt-out request is approved, the employee must email a copy of the notification to HR.Benefits@nycha.nyc.gov. Employees must be approved by EmblemHealth before the exemption is granted.

- III. Employees not-electing City Health Coverage must select one of the following
 - Health Benefits Buyout Waiver Program. This is an annual incentive payment in exchange for
 waiving city health benefits when eligible employees are covered under a health insurance plan
 which is <u>not</u> provided through NYCHA or another New York City agency. The annual incentive
 payments for waiving coverage is \$500 for individual coverage and \$1,000 for family coverage.
 Employees covered by Medicaid or Medicare are not eligible to participate.
 - Electing Waiver Double City Coverage is Prohibited no person can be covered as both an
 employee and/or a dependent of another City employee/retiree at the same time.

For more information, please visit www.nyc.gov/hbp.

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HIP HMO Preferred Description

HIP HMO PREFERRED



EmblemHealth was founded more than 60 years ago to provide city workers and union members high quality, affordable health insurance. It continues that tradition today, offering members choice, convenience, and access to a large regional network of health care professionals.

With the HIP HMO Preferred plan, there is a \$0 monthly premium for the base plan. There is also a \$0 copay for all preventative services. Members can visit the Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS), the nation's top-ranked orthopedic hospital, and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK), one of the country's leading cancer centers, through HMO Preferred's new Centers of Excellence program.

To get started, members and their families must pick a primary care doctor (PCP). This is the doctor who gives everyday care. PCPs can refer members to health care professionals who treat certain health conditions. When members choose a preferred provider in the Prime network, they will be covered and pay less. All doctors in the AdvantageCare Physicians network are part of the preferred provider network.

At a Glance	
Plan Type:	нмо
Geographic Service Area	The Prime Network service area includes the tristate area, plus additional coverage in upstate New York.
Does this plan use a network of providers?	Yes. Visit emblemhealth.com/gold or call 833-CNY-GOLD (833-269-4653) (TTY:711) to learn more about our participating providers.
Do I need a referral to see a specialist?	Yes, written approval is required to see a specialist.
Contact Information	EmblemHealth 55 Water Street New York, NY 10041
	833-CNY-GOLD (833-269-4653) (TTY:711) A Gold Line agent is be available Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. to answer your questions.
Web Site	Emblemhealth.com/gold

Plan Features	Cost			
What is the overall deductible for this plan?	• \$0			
What are the costs when you visit a health	Primary care visit to treat an injury or illne	ss: Preferred \$0 copay/visit		
care provider's office or clinic?	Non-preferred \$10 copay/visit			
		Not covered for non-participating provider		
	Specialist visit: Members with a Preferred	Specialist visit: Members with a Preferred PCP \$0 copay/visit		
	Members with a Non-prefe	Members with a Non-preferred \$10 co-pay/visit		
	Not covered for non-participating provider			
	Other practitioner office visit Chiropractor	: Members with a Preferred PCP \$0 copay/visit		
		Members with a Non-Preferred PCP \$10		
	copay/visit			
		Not covered for non-participating provider		
	Preventive care/screening/immunization:	Preferred \$0 copay/visit		
	-	Non-preferred \$0 copay/visit		
		Not covered for non-participating provider		
What are the costs if you have a test?	Diagnostic test (x-ray, blood work): Memb	ers with a Preferred PCP \$0 copay/visit		
-	Members with a Non-preferred PCP \$10 co-pay/visit Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs): Members with a Preferred PCP \$0 copay/visit			
	Members w	rith a Non-preferred PCP \$10 co-pay/visit		
What are the costs if you have outpatient	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery cente	er): \$50 copay		
surgery?		Not covered for non-participating provider		
	Prior approval required			
	Physician/surgeon fees: No charge			

HIP HMO Preferred Description (Continued)

	Not covered for non-participating provider	
	Prior approval required	
What are the costs if you need immediate medical attention?	Emergency room services: \$150 copay/visit (waived if admitted)	
	Emergency medical transportation: No charge	
	Urgent Care: \$50 copay/visit	
What are the costs if you have a hospital	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room): \$100 copay per continuous stay	
stay?	Not covered for non-participating provider	
	Prior approval required	
	Physician/surgeon fee included in hospital admission copay	
	Not covered for non-participating provider	
What are the costs if you are pregnant?	Prenatal and postnatal care: No charge	
	Not covered for non-participating provider	
	Delivery and all inpatient services: \$100 copay per continuous stay	
	Limited to 48 hours for natural delivery and 96 hours for caesarean delivery. Prior approval required.	

WHAT ARE THE COSTS IF YOU HAVE MENTAL HEALTH, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE NEEDS?

Service	Cost
Mental/Behavioral health Outpatient services	 Members with a Preferred PCP \$0 copay/visit Members with a Non-preferred PCP \$10 copay/visit Not covered for non-participating provider Prior approval may be required
Mental/Behavioral health Inpatient services	 \$100 copay per continuous stay Not covered for non-participating provider Prior approval required
Substance abuse Outpatient services	 Members with a Preferred PCP \$0 copay/visit Members with a Non-preferred PCP \$10 copay/visit Not covered for non-participating provider Prior approval required Certain services may not be covered, see plan documents for details
Substance abuse Inpatient services	\$100 copay per continuous stay Not covered for non-participating provider Prior approval required

WHAT ARE THE COSTS IF YOU NEED HELP RECOVERING OR HAVE OTHER SPECIAL HEALTH NEEDS?

Service	Cost
Home health care	 \$0 copay/visit Coverage limited to 200 visits per year Prior approval required
Rehabilitation services Inpatient	 \$100 copay per continuous confinement Not covered for non-participating provider Limited to 90 visits per year
Rehabilitation services Outpatient	 Members with a Preferred PCP \$0 copay/visit Members with a Non-preferred PCP \$10 copay/visit Not covered for non-participating provider Limited to 90 visits per year
Habilitation services Inpatient	 \$100 copay per continuous confinement Not covered for non-participating provider Limited to 90 visits per year
Habilitation services Outpatient	Members with a Preferred PCP \$0 copay/visit

HIP HMO Preferred Description (Continued)

	Members with a Non-preferred PCP \$10 copay/visit Not covered for non-participating provider Limited to 90 visits per year Limited to autism services
Skilled nursing care	So copay unlimited days Not covered for non-participating provider Prior approval required
Durable medical equipment (DME)	 Not covered under Basic coverage (Only with Optional Rider: No charge- Prior approval required) Not covered for non-participating provider Prior approval required
Hospice service	SO copay/visit Not covered for non-participating provider Limited to 210 days

OPTIONAL RIDER

WHAT IS THE COST IF YOU NEED DRUGS TO TREAT YOUR ILLNESS OR CONDITION?

		Retail	Mail Order
Generic drugs*		\$5 copay/30 day supply	\$7.50 copay/90 day supply
Preferred brand drugs		\$15 co-pay/30 day supply	\$22.50 copay/90 day supply
Non-preferred brand drugs		Not covered	Not covered
Specialty drugs**	Generic drugs	\$5 copay/30 day supply	
	Preferred brand drugs	\$15 copay/30 day supply	
	Non-preferred brand drugs	Not covered	

^{*}Must be dispensed by a Participating Pharmacy.

Please refer to the Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) for additional information and to see what this plan covers and any cost-sharing responsibilities.

^{**}Must be dispensed by a Specialty Pharmacy. Written referral required.

BENEFITS FAQs (Continued)

Do I have to join New York City Employee Retirement System (NYCERS)?

All civil service and labor class employees, including caretakers, are required to join the NYCERS pension plan upon completing six months of service. However, you may join at any time prior to the six-month period.

Provisional and non-competitive employees are not required to join the retirement system. However, they may join voluntarily at any time. See the handout in your packet for more details.

How do I join the pension system?

To join the pension plan, go to the NYCERS web site via <u>www.nycers.org</u> or by downloading the free mobile app.

Does NYCHA have other retirement savings options?

In addition to the NYCERS pension plan, NYC provides an opportunity to join Deferred Compensation or to create an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). <u>The NYC Office of Payroll Administration</u> web site provides details about these options.

Are there other tax break programs available to me as an employee?

Yes, you can enroll in a dependent care and health care savings account, the New York State 529 College Savings program, and contribute to tax deductible charities via the Combined Municipal Campaign. NYC Office of Payroll Administration web site provides additional details about each program and enrollment.

Does NYC have a transportation benefit program?



The City offers eligible employees the opportunity to use pre-tax earnings to cover certain public transportation costs through a <u>Commuter Benefits Program</u>. This program allows employees to access several transit providers and transit options.

Payroll deductions will be automatically loaded on your commuter credit card each pay period. Account access is available online or via mobile phone 24 hours a day. The program reduces taxable income.

Where can I get further assistance regarding my benefits and NYCHA Guidelines?

Your supervisor is your first resource to answer questions about your job and NYCHA policies and procedures. You may also contact Human Resources at 212.306.8000. The nyc.gov web site offers information for specific benefits questions.

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CIVIL SERVICE FAQs

What is Civil Service?

The Civil Service system governs public service in which employment is usually based on competitive examination.

What is a Civil Service list and how are appointments made to become a permanent employee?

Every candidate who meets the education and experience requirements in the Notice of Examination and attains a passing mark on the test is eligible for consideration for appointment from the resulting civil service list for the title. This is commonly referred to as a rank order list. Consideration for appointment from lists must be made in list number order.

In general, every appointment or promotion from a civil service list within the competitive class has a probationary term of not more than one year. Employee performance is monitored for satisfactory performance during this period.

The services of the probationary employee may be terminated during this period based on documented unsatisfactory performance. Upon satisfactory completion of the probationary period, the employee becomes permanent.

What are Civil Service classifications?

Provisional appointments are nonpermanent assignments to competitive class positions. Generally, a provisional appointment is made when there is no civil service list for a particular title.

Someone can serve provisionally in a competitive class title until a list is established. A provisional hire is an interim method of filling a position pending permanent appointment from a subsequent civil service list.

If you are serving provisionally, file with DCAS to take the test when a Notice of Examination announces the examination for your title. (See Table 1 on page 12.)



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PAY, HOURS OF WORK FAQs

When and where do I report to work?

On your Notice of Appointment are the address, phone number, and name of your supervisor. Call them for details before you report to your location.

When do I get paid and what paid holidays will I receive?

NYCHA employees are paid on a bi-weekly basis, every other Thursday.

Your initial pay date may be delayed 1 or 2 pay periods after hire as NYCHA transmits your employment information to the NYC Office of Payroll Administration. For more details, contact your Placement Coordinator in the Human Resources Department.

You can find the current <u>Payroll Calendar</u> on NYCHA Connect under Resources, as well as in this booklet.

What are my hours of work?

Employees are assigned a specific work schedule as determined by title, work assignment, and location. Your actual arrival time and actual departure time from work must be recorded by clocking in using the Kronos time clock, or by recording your time in the Kronos system.



Speak with your supervisor and timekeeper about your schedule.

Do I receive vacation, sick, and personal time, and how much?

Leave time is the number of days earned by an employee while working for the Authority. This time may be used for vacation, illness, personal business, and religious observance without deduction from pay as provided by your union agreement.

Accrued leave time may be carried over from year to year. All employees should discuss their time with their timekeepers and supervisors. The <u>annual leave accrual tables</u> for full time employees can be found on NYCHA Connect under the HR tab.

PAY, HOURS OF WORK FAQs (Continued)

How much time do I earn for vacation, sick, and personal business?

You accrue time in accordance with your title and union affiliation. Time earned is combined and is not broken into separate vacation, sick or personal categories. Employees appointed on or before the 15th of any month earn Annual Leave on the first of the following month.

Employees appointed on or after the 16th of the month will start to earn Annual Leave on the first day of their second month. You additionally may carry over earned time from one year to the next. (You do not have to "use it or lose it").

Note, Annual Leave is taken at the convenience of NYCHA. In no event shall accrued leave be used before one month of service is completed. Discuss any vacation or planned absences with your immediate supervisor.

How do I record my work attendance?

Non-managerial employees are required to uses their NYCHA Employee Identification Card to "swipe in and out" every day at your location Kronos time clock.

Managerial employees are required to enter their attendance directly into Kronos. A <u>Kronos Quick Reference Guide</u> can be found in the <u>Human Resources</u> web page. Every employee is required to carry their NYCHA identification cards during work hours and is required to display it upon request.

Can I take advantage of a flexible work schedule?

NYCHA offers flex to employees located at 250 Broadway, 90 Church Street, and at the Long Island City facility as permitted by supervision. Staff assigned to NYCHA developments, Borough offices or other NYCHA locations work fixed schedules. Speak with your supervisor and timekeeper about your schedule.

UNION FAQs

Am I represented by a union?

Most New York City employees are covered by collective bargaining agreements negotiated by the City of New York with their respective unions. Additionally, many employees are in professional titles and may be represented by the Management Benefit Fund (MBF) or other professional associations.

If union membership is one of the requirements of your NYCHA job, call Human Resources to learn your specific union's name and contact information. Union dues are automatically deducted from your bi-weekly paycheck. Contact your union and sign up to enjoy the benefits of membership. If you are already a union member, consult with your union about NYCHA.

UNION FAQs (Continued)

What benefits come from the union, association, or managerial benefit fund?

Your union provides a variety of benefits to members and eligible dependents which may include prescription coverage, eye exam and eye glass coverage, dental coverage, legal services, and educational courses. You must enroll with your union to access the benefits.

How do I know which union or organization will represent me?

At the bottom of your Notice of Appointment, is the name of your union or association. The Unions and Employee Organizations listing in this booklet provides you with the union name, address, and phone number so that you may enroll.

How do I enroll in my union or benefit fund?

Find the Unions and Employee Organizations listing in this booklet and use the contact information provided to contact them and enroll.

GENERAL FAQs

Does NYCHA have an Employee Assistance Program (EAP)?

Yes. <u>The City of New York's EAP</u> is located at 250 Broadway, 28th Floor. The phone number is 212.306.7660. (Visit <u>nyc.gov</u> or see the <u>Human</u> Resources Manual.)

As an employee who is also a NYCHA resident, what guidelines must I follow?

You must ensure you are an authorized resident in your NYCHA home and that your name appears on the family composition. The income from your new job must be reported to your management office within 30 days from your start date, whether you are head of household. Consult with your management office as to whether you qualify for Earned Income Disallowance (EID).



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GENERAL FAQS



Do I have a probationary period?

Every quarter during the first year of your employment, your supervisor must evaluate your performance in writing. In most cases, these evaluations rate your performance in the following categories: *Quality of Work*; *Quantity of Work*; *Cooperation and Attitude*; *Learning Capacity*, *Adaptability and Potential*; and *Attendance and Lateness*.

Your supervisor completes and discusses the performance evaluation with you. Your signature on a performance evaluation indicates you reviewed the report. It does not indicate you agree with the ratings.

Do I get reimbursed for traveling?

Some titles (such as skilled trades employees) are required to travel to different work locations. Discuss travel reimbursement with your supervisor.

What is a "Floater"?

Some titles (such as Housing Assistant) may initially be assigned to a Borough Office. For a period, a floater may be

required to fill in at various locations due to staff vacancies or scheduled vacations. If assigned as a floater, discuss future permanent placement with your Borough supervisor.

What are the personnel rules and regulations at NYCHA?

Review the <u>Human Resources Manual</u>. Additionally, discuss additional rules and guidelines that are applicable to your specific work location with your supervisor.

How do I obtain additional computer program access?

In addition to the username and initial password provided to you for general computer access, there may be several other programs you will use based on your title. Your supervisor will make a request for access to those programs. Discuss this with your supervisor.

Talk to your supervisor about:

- Tools and equipment
- Lunch and breaks
- Uniforms/shoe reimbursement
- Duties
- Parking
- Dress Code

Unions and Employee Organizations

In addition to your health insurance benefits, you may be eligible for several benefits provided by your welfare fund. In most cases, coverage provided is based upon your title and the number of hours you work a week.

Welfare fund benefits may include dental and prescription drug coverage, disability, legal services, personal counseling, optical, life insurance, and education benefits. Each welfare fund provides its own level and type of coverage. Call your Union Welfare Fund for details.

Allied Building Inspectors

225 Broadway, New York, NY 10007 Phone: (212) 233-2690 http://www.iuoe211.com

American Federation of State, County & Municipal **Employees**

AFL-CIO - District Council 37 125 Barclay Street, New York, NY 10007-2179 Phone: (212) 815-1000 http://dc37.net/

Civil Service Bar Association

Affiliated with Local 237, I.B.T. 216 West 14th Street, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10011-7296 Phone: (646) 638-8622 http://www.csbanyc.com/

Communications Workers of America

Local 1180 - NYC Administrative Employees 6 Harrison Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10013-2898 Phone: (212) 226-6565 http://www.cwa1180.org/

District Council 37, AFSCME, AFL-CIO*

Local 154 New York City Miscellaneous Employees Phone: (212) 815-1000 http://laborweb.afscme.org/sites/NY C 37/NY c 37 1 154/

District Council 37, AFSCME, AFL-CIO*

Local 299 Phone: (212) 815-1040

http://DC37.net/about/locals/local299.html

District Council 37, AFSCME, AFL-CIO

Local 371 Social Services Employees Union 817 Broadway, New York, NY 10003 Phone: (212) 677-3900 http://www.sseu371.org/

District Council 37, AFSCME, AFL-CIO*

Local 375 Civil Service Technical Guild Phone: (212) 815-1375 http://civilservicetechnicalguild.org/

District Council 37, AFSCME, AFL-CIO*

NYC Accountants, Actuaries and Statisticians & Mgmt. Auditors Phone: (212) 815-1040 http://www.local1407.org/

District Council 37, AFSCME, AFL-CIO

Assessors and Appraisers Phone: (212) 815-1234

http://www.dc37.net/about/locals/local1757.html

District Council 37, AFSCME, AFL-CIO*

Phone: (212) 815-1040 http://local768.org/

District Council 37, AFSCME, AFL-CIO*

Housing Authority Employees Phone: (212) 815-7672

District Council 37, AFSCME, AFL-CIO*

Local 983, MVO & Traffic Enforcement Agents, L-3 Phone: (212) 815-1983 http://local983.com/

District Council 37, AFSCME, AFL-CIO*

Phone: (212) 815-1010

http://www.dc37.net/about/locals/local1087.html

District Council 37, AFSCME, AFL-CIO*

Local 2627, Electronic Data Processing Personnel Phone: (212) 815-1040 http://www.local2627.org/

District Council 37, AFSCME, AFL-CIO*

Local 2507 Phone: (212) 815-1060

http://local3.com/

*DENOTES 125 Barclay Street address

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 3 158-11 Harry Van Arsdale, Jr. Avenue, 4th Floor, Flushing, NY 11365 Phone: (718) 591-4000

International Union of Painters and Allied

District Council 9 - Local 1969 45 W 14th Street – 4th Floor, New York, NY 10011 (718) 937-7440, Ext 108 http://www.dc9.net/

International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 237, City Employees Union

216 West 14th Street, New York, NY 10011 Phone: (212) 924-2000 http://local237.org/

International Union of Operating Engineers

Local 15, 15A, 15B, 15C, 15D 44-40 11th Street, LIC, NY 11101 Phone: (212) 929-5327 No Website

Local 30, 30A, 30B, 30C, 30D 115-06 Myrtle Ave., Richmond Hill, NY 11418 Phone: (718) 847-6800

Organization of Staff Analysts (OSA)

220 E. 23rd St., Suite 707, New York, NY 10010 Phone: (212) 686-1229 http://www.osaunion.org/who/main.html

Plumbers and Gas Fitters

Local 1 50-02 Fifth Street – 2^{nd} Floor, Long Island City, NY 11101 Phone: (718) 738-7500 http://www.ualocal1.org/

Service Employees International Union Local 246

Civil Service Auto Mechanics 217 Broadway, Rm. 501, New York, NY 10007 Phone: (212) 233-0616 http://nyclocal246.org/

Service Employee International Union

Local 300 36-36 33rd St. Suite 200, Long Island City, Phone: (718) 383-8945 http://www.local300csf.org/

Service Employee International Union Local 621

Supervisors 75 Darcy Circle, Islip, NY 11751 Phone: (718) 334-9305 / 9306

United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners of America

District Council of NYC & Vicinity 395 Hudson Street, New York, NY 10014 Phone: (212) 366-7500 http://www.nycdistrictcouncil.com/

NOTE: Part TT of this Budget Bill amends the RSSL to lower the minimum number of years required for Tier 6 members to vest for service retirement from 10 years to 5 years of credited service.



63/10 Retirement Plan For Tier 6 Members (Tier 6 Basic Plan)

Tier 6

May 2017

This brochure describes the obligations and benefits of the 63/10 Retirement Plan for Tier 6 members. The 63/10 Retirement Plan, also referred to as the Tier 6 Basic Plan, allows participants to retire with an unreduced pension at age 63 with at least 10 years of Credited Service. Participants with 10 years of Credited Service may retire with a reduced pension earlier than age 63 but no earlier than age 55 (see the Early Service Retirement section on page 2).

PARTICIPATION

Participation in this plan is for any employee of the City of New York or a Participating Employer who joins NYCERS on or after April 1, 2012 and is not a participant in the 22-Year Plan or a Tier 6 Special Plan.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Participants in the 63/10 Plan who join NYCERS between April 1, 2012 and March 31, 2013 are required to contribute 3% of gross wages until a new contribution structure takes effect on April 1, 2013. Begin- \mbox{ning} April 1, 2013, the contribution rate for 63/10 Plan participants is dependent upon annual wages earned during a "plan year" according to the schedule in the table below.

Annual Wages Earned During Plan Year	CONTRIBUTION RATE	
Up to \$45,000	3%	
\$45,001 to \$55,000	3.5%	
\$55,001 to \$75,000	4.5%	
\$75,001 to \$100,000	5.75%	
Greater than \$100,000	6%	

A plan year was defined as the period from April 1st to March 31st. During the first three plan years of membership (or the first three plan years beginning 4/1/13 if you joined NYCERS between 4/1/12 and 3/31/13), NYCERS uses a projection of your annual wages to determine your BMC rate (Projected Wage Method). For your fourth Plan year and each Plan year thereafter, NYCERS uses your gross wages earned two plan years prior to determine your BMC rate (Actual Wage Method). Recent legislation changed the plan year definition to a calendar year (1/1 to 12/31). For that reason, if your membership date falls between 4/1/12 and 3/31/14, the Actual Wage Method will be applied for the plan year 1/1/17-12/31/17. See the last page for a chart illustrating the application of each method based on hypothetical wages.

These contributions are referred to as Basic Member Contributions (BMCs). They are held in the Member Contribution Accumulation Fund (MCAF) and accrue interest at the rate of 5%, compounded annually. The accrual of interest on your contributions is of value in certain ways, but should not be equated to interest accrued in a savings account. A defined benefit retirement plan formula, prescribed by law, is used to calculate your pension. Interest has more of a direct impact in areas such as loans and refunds; the amount you can borrow is based on 75% of your MCAF, which is constantly growing because of interest, and refunds include interest earned.

BMCs must be paid until you separate from City service or retire. They are Federal tax-deferred, meaning that you do not pay Federal taxes on the contributions, only New York State and local taxes. Note, however, that contributions made while on Union Leave are not Federal tax-deferred.

BUY-BACK

63/10 Plan participants may purchase previous public service rendered anywhere in New York City or New York State. The cost is 6% of the wages earned during the period you are buying back, plus 5% interest compounded annually from the date of your previous service until the date of payment.

MILITARY BUY-BACK

Federal and state laws allow members to purchase service credit for time spent in U.S. Military service – the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) and Article 20 of the New York State Retirement and Social Security Law (RSSL), respectively. Under USERRA, the cost is the equivalent of the contributions required if you had never left for military service. Under Article 20, the cost is 6% times the number of years of military service being purchased times the salary you earned during the 12 months prior to the date of your application. No interest is charged on military buy-back.

DEFICITS

The cumulative total of contributions that should be in your MCAF is known as your Required Amount and serves as one of the conditions to retire with an unreduced pension. Any amount less than your Required Amount is considered a deficit. If a deficit is identified prior to retirement, steps will be taken to resolve it. In the event of a deficit at retirement, an actuarial reduction can be applied to your pension benefit.

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LOANS

63/10 Plan participants may borrow up to 75% of the contributions held in the MCAF account. Any loans taken are subject to terms and conditions such as a limitation to one loan per every 12-month period and complete repayment in 5 years. Please see NYCERS' Loan Brochure #911 for additional terms and conditions, as well as information on the consequences of a loan default.

REFUNDS

63/10 Plan participants who leave City service with less than 10 years of Credited Service may apply for a refund of contributions inclusive of interest accrued. Members with 10 or more years of Credited Service are not eligible for a refund of their BMCs.

Members who leave City service with less than 10 years of Credited Service and do not return to City service within a five-year period will have their membership terminated by operation of law even if they have not applied for a refund of their BMCs.

You must be off payroll for thirty (30) or more days to qualify for a refund.

VESTED RETIREMENT BENEFIT

Vesting means that you have earned a right to receive benefits in the future; it is a way to receive benefits from NYCERS when you reach age 63 even if you leave City service at a younger age. Participants in the 63/10 Plan who have 10 or more years of Credited Service, at least two years of which are Membership Service, are entitled to receive a Vested Retirement Benefit at age 63. The Vested Retirement Benefit is computed in the same manner as the Service Retirement Benefit specified below.

SERVICE RETIREMENT

Participants in the 63/10 Plan who have 10 or more years of Credited Service, at least two years of which are Membership Service, are eligible to receive a Service Retirement Benefit at age 63.

The Service Retirement Benefit payable under the 63/10 Plan is calculated as follows:

- For a Participant with less than 20 years of Credited Service:
 1.67% times Final Average Salary (FAS) times years of Credited Service
- For a Participant with 20 or more years of Credited Service: 35% of FAS for the first 20 years of Credited Service, PLUS

2% times FAS times each year of Credited Service in excess of 20

FINAL AVERAGE SALARY (FAS)

FAS is defined as the average of wages earned by a member during any continuous period of employment for which the member was credited with five years of Credited Service. However, wages earned during any year used in an FAS calculation cannot exceed the average of the wages earned during the previous four years by more than 10 percent.

Some wages are excluded from the FAS calculation. The Tier 6 definition of wages includes an "overtime ceiling," which limits overtime compensation for pension purposes to no more than \$15,000; this amount is indexed annually according to the Consumer Price Index. Any overtime compensation earned in excess of the overtime ceiling is excluded from the FAS calculation. Overtime compensation is compensation paid at a rate greater than the standard rate.

The definition of wages also excludes:

- wages in excess of the annual salary paid to the Governor of the State of New York;
- lump-sum payments for deferred compensation, sick leave, accumulated vacation or other credits for time not worked;
- 3. any form of termination pay;
- any additional compensation paid in anticipation of retirement; and
- in the case of employees who receive wages from three or more employers in a twelve-month period, the wages paid by the third and each successive employer.

EARLY SERVICE RETIREMENT

Participants in the 63/10 Plan may retire as early as age 55 with at least 10 years of Credited Service provided that they file their service retirement application while still in active payroll status. However, early retirement carries a penalty of a permanent reduction in your retirement benefit at a rate of 6.5% for each year (or a proration thereof) that you have retired prior to age 63.

The following table shows the percentage reduction for various ages:

AGE REDUCTION TABLE			
AGE AT RETIREMENT	PERCENT OF BENEFIT REDUCTION		
63	None		
62	6.5%		
61	13%		
60	19.5%		
59	26%		
58	32.5%		
57	39%		
56	45.5%		
55	52%		

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Members who have left City service prior to age 55 cannot collect an early Vested Retirement Benefit with the penalty, but must wait until age 63 to collect.

DISABILITY RETIREMENT

As a 63/10 Plan participant, you are eligible for a Disability Retirement benefit at any age if you have 10 or more years of Credited Service and NYCERS' Medical Board determines that you are physically or mentally in

If you have less than 10 years of Credited Service, you are eligible to receive a Disability Retirement Benefit if NYCERS' Medical Board determines that you are physically or mentally incapacitated to perform your job duties AND your disability is the result of an accidental injury sustained in the performance of your duties, and not caused by your own willful negligence.

The Disability Retirement Benefit is equal to the greater of:

- 1/3 of your FAS; OR
- 1.67% times FAS times years of Credited Service; OR
- if you are eligible for a service retirement, your Service Retirement Benefit.

SURVIVOR BENEFITS

In the event of your death prior to retirement, your NYCERS membership entitles your beneficiaries to a death benefit. There are two primary types of death benefits – Ordinary Death Benefits and Accidental Death Benefits.

An Ordinary Death Benefit (ODB) is payable to your beneficiary(ies) if you die while in active service, before retirement, whether or not death occurs as the result of an accident sustained on the job.

An ODB will be paid only if:

- A. you were being paid on payroll at the time of your death;
 OR
- B. you were off payroll or you were on an authorized leave without pay at the time of your death; AND
 - you were on payroll, in service, and paid within the last 12 months before death; AND
 - 2. you were not gainfully employed since last on the payroll; AND
 - you had credit for one or more years of continuous service since you last entered the service of your employer.

The ODB payable is a multiplication of your salary as indicated below:

- if you have at least one, but less than two years of service, a lump-sum benefit equal to one year's current salary.
- if you have at least two, but less than three years of service, a lump-sum benefit equal to two times current salary.
- if you have at least three years of service, a lump-sum benefit equal to three times current salary.

The benefit is reduced for each year a member remains in active service beyond age 60.

Your beneficiary(ies) will also receive a refund of your BMCs plus earned interest

If you are vested (have at least 10 years of Credited Service) and die prior to age 63, your beneficiaries will receive a lump-sum death benefit based on 50% of the ODB that would have been payable if you had died on your last day in active service, plus the refund of your BMCs plus interest.

An Accidental Death Benefit (ADB) is payable to Eligible Beneficiaries, who are defined in law. Eligible Beneficiary(ies) will receive an ADB if NYCERS determines that your death was the result of an accident sustained in the performance of your duty, not caused by your own negligence.

The annual benefit equals 50% of the wages you earned during your last year of service, or your annual wage rate if you had less than one year of service. The deceased member's contributions are not refunded to the beneficiaries.

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PROJECTED WAGE METHOD (FIRST 3 PLAN YEARS ONLY)					
	1st Plan Year	2nd Plar	n Year	3rd Plan Year	
Projected Annual Salary	\$70,000	\$70,000		\$70,000	
Rate Based on Projected Annual Salary	4.5%	4.5%		4.5%	
Actual Wages Earned in Plan Year	\$72,000	\$72,500		\$76,000	
Contributions Made in Plan Year	\$3,240 (4.5% of \$72,000) \$3,263 (4.5% of \$72,500)		\	\$3,420 (4.5% of \$76,000)	
ACTUAL WAGE METHOD (4TH PLAN YEAR AND THEREAFTER)					
	4th Plan Yea	r	/ !	5th Plan Year	
Actual Wages Earned in Plan Year	\$80,000			\$82,500	
Rate Based on Actual Wages Earned Two Plan Years Prior to the Current Plan Year	4.5%		5.75%		
Contributions Made in Plan Year \$3,6		00)	(5.7	\$4,744 75% of \$82,500)	

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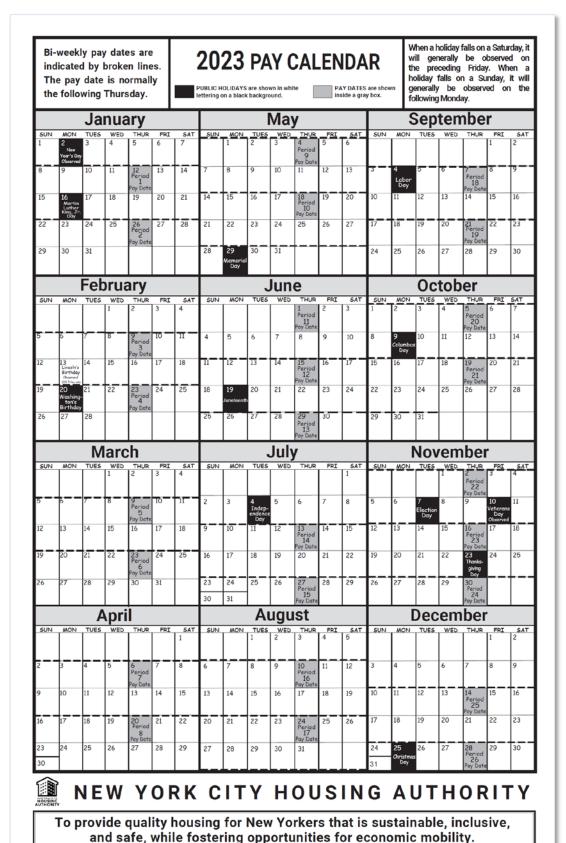


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Important Phone Numbers

Human Resources	212.306.8000 90 Church Street, 5 th Floor New York, NY 10007
Department of Communications	212.306.3322
Department of Equal Opportunity	212.306.4468 Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm Walk-ins: 90 Church Street, 6 th Floor New York, NY 10007 On-line: NYCHA Complaint of Alleged Discrimination (Form 036.025)
General NYCHA Information	212.306.3000
Information and Technology Department Service Center	212.306.7000
Law Department	212.776.5000
Learning & Development	212.306.3200
Office of the Inspector General	212.306.3355
Office of Safety and Security	212.306.8800
Reasonable Accommodation Coordinator	212.306.3996



HR Contact Information

To better assist you with your HR-related issue, please use these email addresses to communicate directly with various units within the HR Department:

Changes of Address	HR.AddrChange@nycha.nyc.gov		
Civil Service (exams, status, call-ins)	HR.CivilServ@nycha.nyc.gov		
Employee Relations	HR.EmpRel@nycha.nyc.gov		
Employment	HR.Employment@nycha.nyc.gov		
Employment Verification Requests/Letters	HR.EVR@nycha.nyc.gov		
ESS User IDs	HR.UserID@nycha.nyc.gov		
Final Actions	HR.Time@nycha.nyc.gov		
Health Benefits	HR.Benefits@nycha.nyc.gov		
Labor Relations or Union Matters	HR.LaborRel@nycha.nyc.gov		
Learning and Development	HR.LrnDev@nycha.nyc.gov		
Leaves of absence (except Paid Family Leave)	HR.Time@nycha.nyc.gov		
Paid Family Leave	pfl@nycha.nyc.gov		
Retirement Appointments	HR.Retirement@nycha.nyc.gov		
Salary	HR.Salary@nycha.nyc.gov		
Transfer of Annual Leave from other City agencies	HR.dp2001@nycha.nyc.gov		
Workers' Compensation	HR.workcomp@nycha.nyc.gov		
All other HR related issues	HR.GeneralInbox@nycha.nyc.gov		

In addition, to get copies of blank HR Forms; the HR Manual; NYC Health Benefits Summary Plan Description; the Employee Self Service Login Guide, and more, go to:

http://nychanow.nyc/hr-corner/

The above site is available 24 hours a day/7-days a week, and you can access it through the internet from home or mobile devices.

Office of the Inspector General

The OIG investigates allegations regarding NYCHA employees, tenants, or contractors who engage in conduct that implicates:

- Criminal Activity
- Corruption
- Fraud
- Waste
- Gross Mismanagement
- Conflicts of Interest

There are times when an outside activity you may wish to pursue, such as a part-time job, or ownership in a business, creates a conflict with your NYCHA employment.

NYC law forbids a city employee from working for a company that has business with the City of New York, to prevent any possible conflict of interest between the City employment and the part-time employment. Before you seek a second job you must ask for and be granted a waiver to perform that work.

To obtain a waiver contact:

COI@nycha.nyc.gov 212 306-4000



The Essentials

Here are a few reminders to help ensure you get off to a great start.



Be sure to...

- Select your health plan
- Choose your beneficiary
- Contact your union
- Complete pension forms
- Read and acknowledge policy statements

Welcome to the NYCHA Team!

We want you to know that, as part of our team, you are our most important and greatest asset. NYCHA could not accomplish what it does every day without the commitment and dedication of its employees.

NYCHA is confronting some of the most significant challenges in its long history. We believe that your skills and talents will help us continue to meet those challenges head on and elevate our level of service. Your team and our residents are counting on you.

To make the most of your NYCHA career, be sure to familiarize yourself with the information provided in this booklet. Remember, the NYCHA team is here to support you. Call **Human Resources** at 212.306.8000 if you have any questions about your employment.

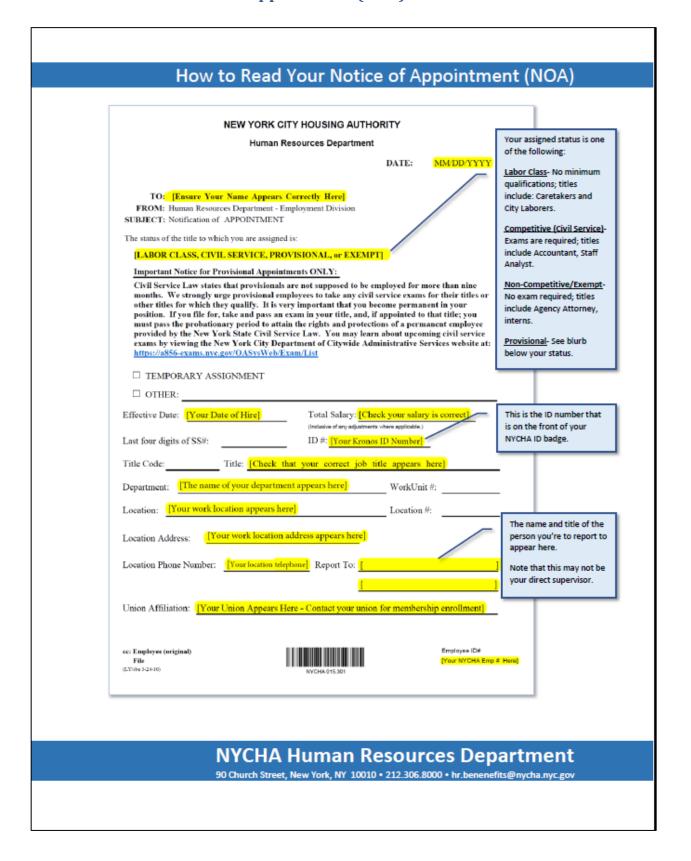
Your new role is critical in the fulfillment of NYCHA's mission. We are excited to have you on our team and look forward to your contributions.



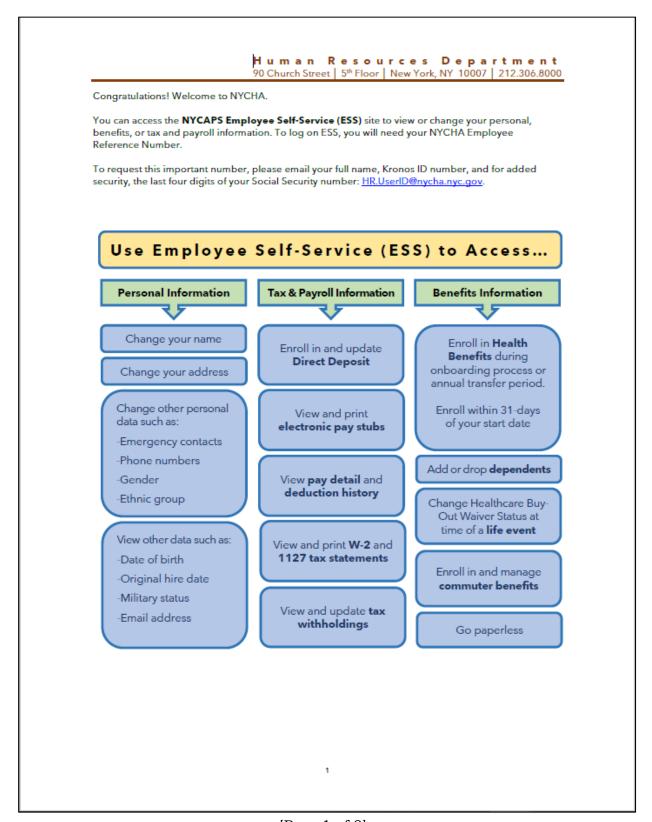
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How to Read Your Notice of Appointment (NOA)

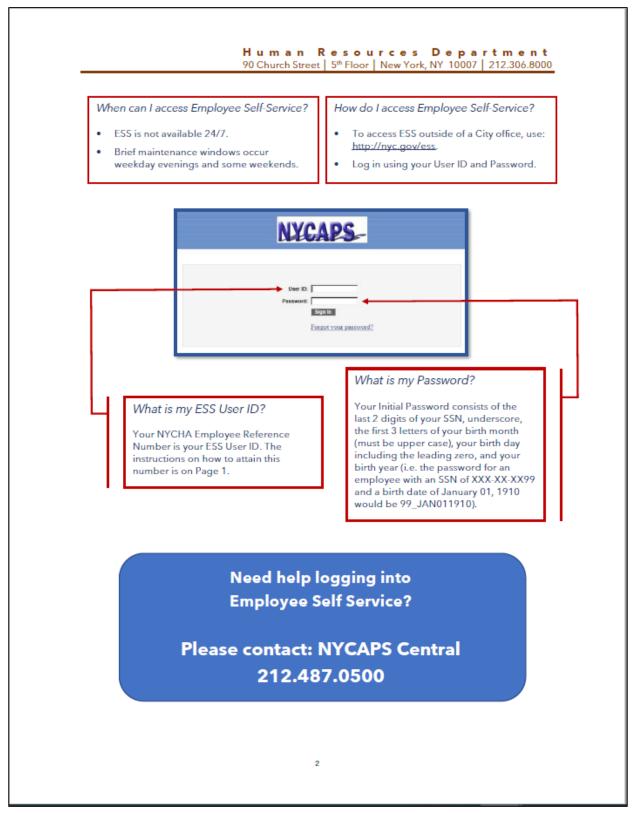


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EMPLOYEE SELF SERVICE LOGIN

Quick access to your personal, pay, tax, and benefits information

Steps for Enrolling in Health Benefits for Hires or Rehires

Enrollment must be completed within 31 days from the date of hire

- Log into ESS http://www.nyc.gov/ess. Enter UserID and password.)
- You should see all the available options. If not, select Employee Self Service located on top to display menu options.
- 3. Select Health Benefits to view Benefit menu options
- Select Health Benefits Enrollment to enroll in benefits; the Health Benefits Enrollment Page displays your
 Event and status
- 5. Click Select to initiate your enrollment for the New Hire Enrollment. The event Status will indicate:
 - a. Open-you have not submitted an election for this event and it is ready for data entry.
 - Pending-you have entered selections where you must submit supporting documentation to Human Resources Employee Benefits.
 - c. Submitted-your pending entry has been approved.
- 6. Your Enrollment Summary will indicate No Coverage.
 - a. Click Edit to select your new health benefit coverage. A listing of plan options will be displayed specific to your eligibility. Click the scrollbar to view all plan options. Click the plan name link to be directly connected to the plan's website.
 - Click the Waive button to decline being enrolled in a health plan.
- 7. Click the radio button next to the plan name to select your health plan.
 - a. If you are electing an Employee ONLY coverage, click Continue and go to Step 8.
 - b. If you are enrolling a dependent, click the Add/Review Dependents which will display all individuals currently eligible to be your dependents. Refer to the Summary Program Description booklet at www.nyc.gov/hbp for information on who is eligible as a dependent.
 - Click Add a Dependent in your health plan. Enter your dependent's personal information. All fields
 with an Asterisk (*) are required. If enrolling a spouse, for Marital status date, enter marriage date.
 - d. Upon entering all dependent's personal information, click Save. A confirmation page will display noting that your new dependent's personal information has been saved. Your dependent(s) are only stored at this point. You must continue the process to enroll your dependent in your health plan.
 - e. Click OK
 - f. The Enrollment Dependent Summary page will display, review your dependent's personal information. Use the Edit button to edit your dependent's information.
 - g. If enrolling multiple dependents, repeat steps 7a to 7d for each dependent. Once you have added all dependents, click Enrollment Dependent Summary and select Return to Event Selection to return to the Health Benefits Enrollment Page to enroll your dependents in your health plan.
 - h. Scroll to bottom of the page, click Enroll box to enroll your dependent and click Continue button.
- 8. You can now view a summary of your election. Click the OK button to store your selections.
- 9. Your health plan coverage will be displayed along with the cost per pay period.
- 10. Click Submit to process your selection.
- Carefully read the Employee Certification to understand the terms and conditions of your health coverage; click Submit to finalize your enrollment election.
- 12. Your benefit choices have been successfully submitted, click OK NOTE: If enrolling dependent(s), your election will be placed in a Pending Status until supporting documentation is emailed to https://hr.nyc.gov; and processed by Human Resources Employee Benefits. The documentation must include your name and ID#. If the Benefits Summary does not reflect your new enrollment changes, this means that your changes have not yet been approved.

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LIFE EVENTS

Add Newborn Dependent

Addition must be completed within 31 days of the date of birth.

If the newborn is older than 31 days, please contact 212-306-8000 (select Option #1).

- Log in to ESS (www.nyc.gov/ess. Enter UserID and password.)
- 2. You should see all available options. If not, select Employee Self Service on top to display menu options.
- 3. Select Benefits Link
- 4. Select Life Events
- 5. Select Add Dependent
- 6. In the Effective Date of Event field, enter the child's date of birth
- For the Qualifying Event Type select birth; click on the Submit My Event button
- 8. Review your information carefully and ensure that the Life Event Type and Event /Effective date are accurate.
- Your event is now ready for data entry. Click on the Go to My Enrollment Event. -- The Health Benefits Enrollment Page displays your Event and status.
- 10. Click Select to initiate your enrollment for the Event of Family Status Change The event Status will indicate:
 - Open-you have not submitted an election for this event, and it is ready for data entry
 - Pending-you have entered selections where you must submit supporting documentation to NYCHA Health Benefits
 - c. Submitted-your pending entry has been approved
- 11. Your Enrollment Summary will indicate your current Coverage. Click Edit to add dependent to health plan.
- Your current plan will be displayed. If you already have dependents, a listing showing their names, relationship
 and if currently enrolled will appear. Those covered are indicated by a check mark next to their name.
- Click the Add/Review Dependents button to add your child in your health plan. If you have questions regarding
 who is eligible as a dependent, refer to the Summary Program Description. Go to http://www.nyc.gov/hbp.
- 14. Click the Add a Dependent link to add your child in your health plan. Enter your dependent's personal information. All fields with an Asterisk (*) are required.
 Note: If your child's social security number has not yet been issued, leave blank. However, it must be provided to HR Health Benefits when available.
- 15. Upon entering all dependent's personal information, click Save. A confirmation page will be displayed noting that your new dependent's personal information has been saved successfully. Your dependent(s) are only stored at this point. You must continue the process to enroll your dependent in your health plan.
- 16. Click OK to continue and review your dependent's information. The Dependent Personal Information page will display your new dependent's personal information. Use the Edit button to review and edit your dependent's information. If enrolling multiple dependents, repeat these steps for each dependent.
- Once you have added all dependents, click the Enrollment Dependent Summary link and select Return to Event Selection link to return to the Health Benefits Enrollment Page to enroll your dependents in your health plan.
- 18. Click a Check Mark in the Enroll box in order to enroll your dependent and click the continue button.
- 19. You can now view a summary of your election. Click the OK button to store your selections.
- 20. Your health plan coverage will be displayed along with the cost per pay period.
- 21. Click the submit button to process your selection.
- Carefully read the Employee Certification in order to understand the terms and conditions of your health coverage; click Submit to finalize your enrollment election.
- 23. Your benefit choices have now been successfully submitted, click OK
- Your election will be placed in a Pending Status until supporting documentation is emailed to <u>HR.Benefits@nycha.nyc.gov</u>; and processed by Human Resources Employee Benefits. The documentation must include your name and ID.
 - Note: If the Benefits Summary does not reflect your new enrollment changes, this means that your changes have not yet been approved.

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Add Spouse

Enrollment must be completed within 31 days of the date of marriage. If the marriage is older than 31 days, please contact 212-306-8000 (select Option #1).

- Log in to ESS (www.nyc.gov/ess. Enter UserID and password.)
- 2. You should see all available options. If not, select Employee Self Service on top to display menu options.
- 3. Select Benefits Link.
- Select Life Events.
- Select Add Dependent.
- 6. In the Effective Date of Event field, enter the date of the Marriage.
- 7. For the Qualifying Event Type select Marriage.
- 8. Click on the Submit My Event button.
- 9. Review your information carefully and ensure the Life Event Type and Event /Effective date are accurate.
- Your event is now ready for data entry. Click on the Prepare My Enrollment Event. The Health Benefits Enrollment Page displays your Event and status.
- 11. Click Select to initiate your enrollment for Event of Family Status Change The event Status will indicate:
 - a. Open-you have not submitted an election for this even and it is ready for data entry
 - Pending-you have entered selections where you must submit supporting documentation to NYCHA Health Benefits
 - c. Submitted-your pending entry has been approved
- Your Enrollment Summary will indicate your current Coverage. Click the Edit button to add the dependent to your health plan.

Note: If you click on the I Have No Changes button, you are choosing not to make an enrollment change

- 13. Your current plan will be displayed. If you already have dependents, a listing showing their names, relationship and if currently enrolled will appear. Those covered indicated by check mark next to names.
- Click the Add/Review Dependents button to add your spouse in your health plan. If you have questions
 regarding who is eligible as a dependent, refer to the Summary Program Description. Go to
 http://www.nyc.gov/hbo.
- Click the Add a Dependent link to add your spouse in your health plan. Enter your dependent's personal information. All fields with an Asterisk (*) are required.
- 16. Upon entering your dependent's personal information, click Save. A confirmation page will be displayed noting that your new dependent's personal information has been saved successfully. Your dependent(s) ore only stored at this point. You must continue the process to enroll your dependent in your health plan.
- 17. Click the OK to continue and review your dependent's information. The Dependent Personal Information page will display your new dependent's personal information. Use the Edit button to review and edit your dependent's information. If enrolling multiple dependents, repeat these steps for each dependent.
- 18. Once you have added all your dependents, click the Enrollment Dependent Summary link and select Return to Event Selection link to return to the Health Benefits Enrollment Page to enroll your dependents in your health plan.
- 19. Click a Check Mark in the Enroll box in order to enroll your dependent and click the continue button.
- 20. You can now view a summary of your election. Click the OK to store your selections.
- Your health plan coverage will be displayed along with the cost per pay period.
- 22. Click the submit button to process your selection.
- Carefully read the Employee Certification in order to understand the terms and conditions of your health coverage; click Submit to finalize your enrollment election.
- 24. Your benefit choices have now been successfully submitted, click OK
- 25. Your election will be placed in a Pending Status until supporting documentation is emailed to <u>HR.Benefits@nycha.nyc.qov</u>; and processed by Human Resources Employee Benefits. The documentation must include your name and ID. Note, if the Benefits Summary does not reflect your new enrollment changes, this means that your changes have not yet been approved.

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Drop Dependent-Divorce

- 1. Log in to ESS (www.nyc.gov/ess. Enter UserID and password.
- 2. You should see all available options. If not, select Employee Self Service on top to display menu options.
- Select Benefits Link
- 4. Select Life Events
- Select Drop Dependent
- 6. In the Effective Date of Event field, enter the date of the Divorce
- 7. For the Qualifying Event Type select Divorce

Note: When dropping spouse, the change must be completed within 31 days of the date of the divorce. If the divorce is older than 31 days, please contact xx.

- 8. Click on the Submit My Event button
- Review your information carefully and ensure that the Life Event Type and Event /Effective date are accurate. Click on the Prepare My Enrollment Event.
- Your event is now ready for data entry. Click on the Go to My Enrollment Event. -- The Health Benefits Enrollment Page displays your Event and status.
- Click Select to initiate your enrollment for the Event of Family Status Change The event Status will indicate:
 - a. Open-you have not submitted an election for this even and it is ready for data entry
 - Pending-you have entered selections where you must submit supporting documentation to NYCHA Health Benefits
 - c. Submitted-your pending entry has been approved
- Your Enrollment Summary will indicate your current Coverage. Click the Edit button to remove your spouse from your health plan.
- 13. Note: If you click on the I Have No Changes button, you are choosing not to make an enrollment change
- 14. Your current plan will be displayed. If you already have dependents, a listing showing their names, relationship and if currently enrolled will appear. Those covered are indicated by a check mark next to their name. Click to Uncheck the box next to your former spouse's name.
- Click continue to update your dependent's disenrollment. Note: Your former spouse will be classified as Ex-Spouse.
- 16. You can now view a summary of your election. Click the OK button to store your selections.
- 17. Your health plan coverage will be displayed along with the cost per pay period.
- 18. Click the submit button to process your selection.
- 19. Carefully read the Employee Certification to understand the terms and conditions of your health coverage.
 - a. IF you are not ready to submit your elections, click Cancel button; no enrollment action will be taken.
 - b. IF you are ready to submit and finalize your enrollment election, click Submit
- 20. Your benefit choices have now been successfully submitted, click the OK button
- 21. Your election will be placed in a Pending Status until supporting documentation is emailed to HR.Benefits@nycha.nyc.gov; and processed by Human Resources Employee Benefits. The documentation must include your name and ID. Note: If the Benefits Summary does not reflect your new enrollment changes, this means that your changes have not yet been approved.

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Change Waiver Status Due to Loss of Other Coverage

- 1. Log in to ESS (http://www.nvc.gov/ess. Enter UserID and password.)
- 2. You should see all available options. If not, select Employee Self Service on top to display menu options.
- 3. Select Benefits Link
- 4. Select Life Events
- Select Change Waiver Status
- 6. In the Effective Date of Event field, enter the loss coverage date
- 7. For the Qualifying Event Type select Enroll Off Waiver

Note: This action must be completed within 31 days of the qualifying event. If this action is not completed timely, you will not be able to change benefits election until the next Transfer Period.

- 8. Click on the Submit My Event button
- Review your information carefully and ensure that the Life Event Type and Event /Effective date are accurate. To prepare your event for enrollment, click on the Prepare My Enrollment Event.
- Your event is now ready for data entry. Click on the Go to My Enrollment Event. The Health Benefits Enrollment Page displays your Event and status.
- 11. Click Select to initiate your Enroll off Waiver Enrollment The event Status will indicate:
 - a. Open-you have not submitted an election for this even and it is ready for data entry
 - Pending-you have entered selections where you must submit supporting documentation to NYCHA Health Benefits
 - c. Submitted-your pending entry has been approved
- 12. Your Enrollment Summary will indicate Waiver. Click the Edit button to choose your new health plan.
- 13. Note: If you click I Have No Changes button, you are choosing not to make an enrollment change
- 14. A listing of plan options will be displayed specific to your eligibility. Click the scrollbar to view all plan options. Click the plan name link to be directly connected to the plan's website.
- 15. Click the radio button next to the plan name to select your new health plan.
 - a. If you are electing an Employee ONLY coverage, click the Continue Button and go to Step 16
 - b. If you are enrolling a dependent, click the Add/Review Dependents button which will display all individuals currently eligible to be your dependents. This may include dependents that may not be currently covered but are still eligible. Those covered indicated by a check mark next to their name.

If you have questions regarding who is eligible as a dependent, refer to the Summary Program Description. Go to NYCHA Connect, HR, Health Insurance Rates, click on Summary Plan Description.

Click the Add a Dependent link to enroll your dependent(s) in your health plan. Enter your dependent's personal information. All fields with an Asterisk (*) are required.

If enrolling a spouse, for the Marital status date, enter your marriage date.

Upon entering all dependent's personal information, click Save. A confirmation page will appear noting your new dependent's personal information has been saved successfully. Your dependent(s) are only stored at this point. You must continue the process to enroll your dependent.

Click the OK button to continue and review your dependent's information.

The Enrollment Dependent Summary page will display your dependent's personal information. Use the Edit button to review and edit your dependent's information.

If enrolling multiple dependents, repeat these steps for each dependent. Once you have added all your dependents, click the Enrollment Dependent Summary link and select Return to Event Selection link to return to the Health Benefits Enrollment Page to enroll your dependents in your health plan.

Click a Check Mark in the Enroll box in order to enroll your dependent and click the continue button.

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Change Waiver Status due to Loss of Other Coverage (Cont'd)

- 16. You can now view a summary of your election. Click the OK button to store your selections.
- 17. Your health plan coverage will be displayed along with the cost per pay period.
- 18. Click the submit button to process your selection.
- 19. Carefully read the Employee Certification to understand terms and conditions of health coverage
 - IF you are not ready to submit your elections, click the Cancel button, no enrollment action will be taken.
 - b. IF you are ready to submit and finalize your enrollment election, click Submit.
- 20. Your benefit choices have now been successfully submitted, click the OK button.
- 21. If enrolling dependent(s), your election will be placed in a Pending Status until supporting documentation is emailed to HR.Benefits@nycha.nyc.gov; and processed by Human Resources Employee Benefits. The documentation must include your name and ID. If the Benefits Summary does not reflect your new enrollment changes, this means that your changes have not yet been approved.

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Direct Deposit

How Do I Enroll in Direct Deposit?

Step 1

To access ESS outside of a city office, please use the Internet website: http://nyc.gov/ess to access the NYCAPS sign in screen:



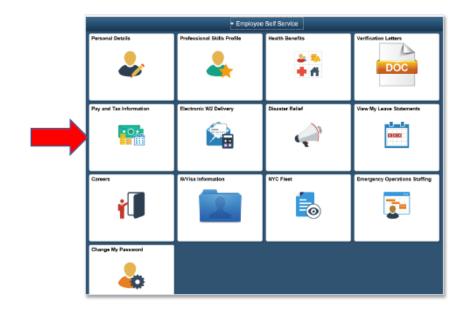
Your NYCHA Employee Reference Number is your ESS User ID.

To request this important number, please email your full name, Kronos ID number, and for added security your date of birth and last four digits of your Social Security number to HR.UserID@nycha.nyc.gov.

Your Initial Password consists of the last 2 digits of your SSN, underscore, the first 3 letters of your birth month (must be upper case), your birth day including the leading zero, and your birth year (i.e. the password for an employee with an SSN of XXX-XX-XX99 and a birth date of January 01, 1910 would be 99_JAN011910).

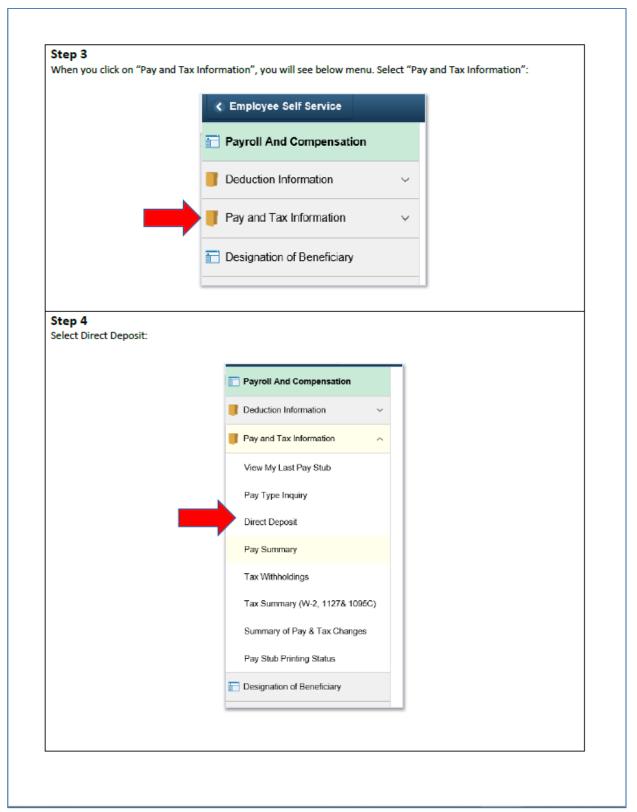
Step 2

You'll see the icons below after you log on ESS; click on "Pay and Tax Information"



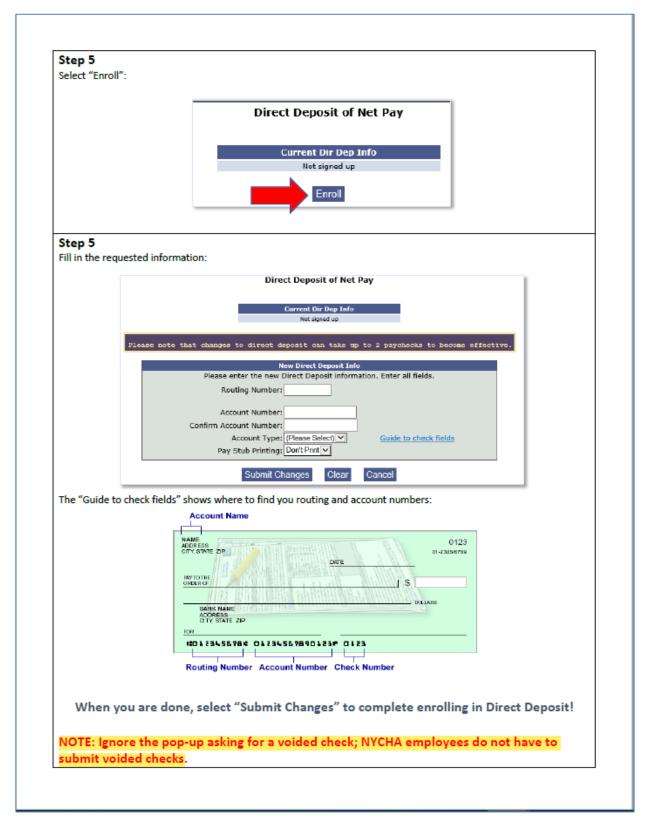
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New York Paid Family Leave (PFL)

NEW YORK PAID FAMILY LEAVE (PFL)







CARE for a family member



ASSIST military families



Paid Family Leave may also be available for use in situations when you or your minor dependent child are under an order of quarantine or isolation due to COVID-19. See PaidFamilyLeave.ny.gov/COVID19 for full details.



PFL Benefits

67% Wage Benefits

Receive 67% of your average weekly wage, up to a cap.



Up to 12 Weeks of Leave

Can be taken all at once, or in full-day increments.



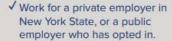


- √ Return to same or comparable job.
- √ Continued health insurance.
- ✓ No discrimination or retaliation.



Who Can Request PFL?

Generally, Employees Who:



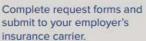


- ✓ Meet the time-worked requirements:
 - · Full-time (regularly work 20 or more hours/week), after 26 consecutive weeks of employment.
 - · Part-time (regularly work fewer than 20 hours/week), after 175 working days.



How to Request PFL

Give 30 days' notice to your employer, if foreseeable.





Carrier pays or denies benefits within 18 days of receiving your completed request.



Resources

PaidFamilyLeave.ny.gov

Visit the website for more information and to download PFL request forms.



844-337-6303

Call the toll-free PFL Helpline 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday

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Make It Safe



In a workspace that seems hazardous?

Have a task that could endanger others or the building?

See a coworker doing something unsafe?

Then you can Make It Safe

NYCHA's **Make It Safe** program empowers you to stop work if an activity or condition is believed to be unsafe. Work will not start again until all issues related to the safety concern are taken care of and agreed to by all affected employees. **Make It Safe** protects all NYCHA staff from any retaliation if you exercise your right to stop work.



<u>Stopping a task</u>: If you need to stop a task under the **Make It Safe** program, please tell your supervisor. Or you may have your location Safety Associate advise your supervisor.

<u>Resolving the concern</u>: The Safety Associate will work with the employee who stopped the task, supervisors, and appropriate Subject Matter Expert(s) to come up with a solution, to which all parties must agree.





<u>Communicating the resolution:</u> The resolution of the safety issue is communicated to all affected employees. Work resumes when all issues are resolved.

<u>Ensuring compliance:</u> Make It Safe events must be communicated to the Office of Safety and Security within 24 hours so that the incident can be reviewed and analyzed.



If you want to stop a task anonymously, you can contact your worksite's Safety Associate, your union safety representative, or the Office of Safety and Security, which can be reached at 212.306.8800 or SafeNYCHA@nycha.nyc.gov.

Equal Employment Opportunity Policy Statement



EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the New York City Housing Authority ("NYCHA") to provide equal employment opportunities for all qualified applicants and personnel without regard to:

- Age
- · Alienage or Citizenship Status
- · Caregiver Status
- Color
- · Consumer Credit History
- · Disability
- · Familial Status
- Gender (including Sexual Harassment, Violence, Pregnancy and Gender Identity)
- · Marital Status
- · Natural Hair
- · Military Status
- · National Origin

- · Partnership Status
- · Predisposing Genetic Characteristics
- Prior Arrest or Conviction
- · Prior Salary History
- Race
- · Religion
- · Sexual Orientation
- Status as a Victim of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, Stalking or Sex Offenses
- · Unemployment Status
- · Sexual and Reproductive Health Desicions

In addition to those persons who fall within the above listed protected groups, employees who are "perceived" to be within one of the above listed protected groups, or employees who have a known relationship or association with someone who is, or is "perceived" to be, within one of the protected groups are also protected. Discrimination is prohibited both in the actual workplace and in any location that can be reasonably regarded as an extension of the workplace, such as an off-site NYCHA sanctioned social function.

This policy applies to all terms and conditions of employment, including, but not limited to:

- · recruitment
- · testing
- hiring
- · work assignments
- · salary and benefits
- performance evaluations

- · promotions
- · training opportunities
- transfers
- · discipline
- · discharge
- · working conditions

This policy also prohibits discriminatory harassment based on any of the above listed protected groups.

Reasonable accommodations are afforded to qualified employees and applicants with disabilities, to qualified employees and applicants who are pregnant or have a pregnancy related medical condition, or who are undergoing gender transition, and to qualified employees and applicants who are victims of domestic violence, sex offenses or stalking. Employees seeking a reasonable accommodation may contact the NYCHA Employee Reasonable Accommodation Coordinator at (212) 306-3996.

Reasonable accommodations are also provided to employees and applicants for observance of religious practices. Employees seeking a reasonable accommodation for religious practices may contact NYCHA Human Resources, Records Control Unit at (212) 306-8000.

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Equal Employment Opportunity Policy Statement (Continued)

All employees, as well as others who work at NYCHA owned or operated locations, are required to comply with both the letter and spirit of this policy. This includes consultants and independent contractors. All persons who work at NYCHA owned or operated locations should work to maintain an atmosphere of respect and nondiscrimination, and to promote understanding among co-workers. Managers and supervisors are directed to make all employment decisions in accordance with this policy, and to ensure compliance with this policy in their areas of responsibility.

Any manager or supervisor who receives a complaint of discrimination or becomes aware of discriminatory behavior or behavior in violation of this policy **must** immediately report that information to the Department of Equal Opportunity ("DEO"). Supervisors are not to engage in any independent investigation of the complaint of discrimination. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in disciplinary action against the manager or supervisor.

NYCHA encourages all employees to immediately report any allegation of discrimination, retaliation or discriminatory harassing behaviors they become aware of to the NYCHA Department of Equal Opportunity.

WHERE TO FILE OR REPORT A COMPLAINT OR TO SEEK ASSISTANCE WITH AN EEO MATTER

If you believe that you, a co-worker or a job applicant is a victim of discrimination, you should immediately report the conduct to:



NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY DEPARTMENT OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT & FAIR HOUSING INVESTIGATIONS (OEFHI) 90 CHURCH STREET, 6TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10007 212-306-4468 deo@nycha.nyc.gov

The OEFHI personnel listed below are available to provide assistance on Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

Celeste T. Segure, Director	(212) 306-4633
Maurice Q. Robinson, Assistant Director EEO Officer	(212) 306-4467
Maria Ortega-Lobos, Equal Employment & Fair Housing Analyst	(212) 306-4628
Saba Maher, Equal Employment & Fair Housing Analyst	(212) 306-3038
Valerie Adams-Baker, Equal Employment & Fair Housing Analyst	(212) 306-2813
DEO Facsimile	(212) 306-4439
TTY (Hearing Impaired)	(212) 306-4845

An employee or job applicant may file an internal complaint of discrimination with DEO anytime within one year of the date the incident occurred. A NYCHA employee or job applicant may electronically file a NYCHA Complaint of Alleged Discrimination (NYCHA Form 036.025 (Rev. 2/6/20)). OEFHI personnel will meet with any employee who seeks to file a complaint to ascertain whether the complaint involves an allegation of employment discrimination prior to commencing a formal investigation.



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Equal Employment Opportunity Policy Statement (Continued)

An employee may report employment discrimination to DEO without revealing her/his identity by telephoning or writing to any of the OEFHI personnel listed above. In cases where DEO receives an anonymous complaint, DEO will review and investigate the anonymous complaint, to the extent possible, and recommend corrective action where appropriate to remedy any unlawful discrimination in the workplace or conduct that violates this policy.

DEO understands that these matters can be extremely sensitive, and DEO will keep employee and applicant internal complaints and communications in confidence, except when disclosure is required by law, or is needed to complete an investigation. This means that information obtained from a person who seeks assistance from DEO will not be discussed with other personnel except as necessary to investigate or resolve the complaint.

All complaints filed by employees and applicants for employment will be impartially and fairly investigated. The complainant, named respondent(s) to the complaint of discrimination will receive written notification that an internal complaint has been filed with DEO, and all parties to the complaint will be provided with an opportunity to respond. Both parties to the complaint will be advised of the right to enter into a voluntary written agreement to resolve the complaint of discrimination, and that such voluntary agreement will constitute the final disposition of the complaint.

All persons interviewed in the course of an investigation shall have the right to be accompanied by an appropriate representative of their choosing, who shall not participate in the interview. Advance notice shall be given to DEO.

This policy prohibits retaliation against an employee who uses the DEO internal complaint procedures, or files a complaint with any governmental human rights agency, or commences litigation under applicable anti-discrimination laws. This policy also prohibits retaliation against employees for providing information related to, or assisting in, the investigation of complaints of discrimination and/or harassment, or for voicing opposition to unlawful discrimination. Retaliation or discriminatory harassment is unlawful and will be cause for disciplinary action and subject the perpetrator to liability under law.

At the conclusion of the investigation, DEO will provide written notification of its findings to the complainant and respondent. DEO will also provide the relevant department leadership with written notification of DEO's findings along with any recommendation for corrective action where appropriate. DEO may recommend corrective action, including disciplinary action, with respect to persons whom it finds to have engaged in unlawful discrimination, violated Housing Authority policies, or engaged in unprofessional or inappropriate conduct.

Employees found to be in violation of this policy and/or laws prohibiting employment discrimination and/ or retaliation may be subject to disciplinary action and/or liability under law. Monetary and civil penalties may be awarded for violations under applicable laws.

Any employee who wants further information or requires assistance in identifying employment discrimination and ways to prevent employment discrimination, should contact the DEO at the address and telephone numbers listed above.

This policy statement supersedes all prior policy statements on this subject.



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Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy Statement



SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the New York City Housing Authority to ensure that all employees and residents are able to enjoy an atmosphere free from sexual harassment as well as an atmosphere free from any inappropriate, unprofessional or unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature by NYCHA employees or others working at a NYCHA owned or operated location, including consultants and contractors. All NYCHA employees, as well as others who work at NYCHA owned or operated locations, should familiarize themselves with the guidelines in this policy so they will understand what type of conduct is prohibited, and know the remedies available to employees, contractors or consultants who experience sexual harassment. This policy statement supersedes all prior policy statements on this subject.

Sexual harassment is a form of employment discrimination based on gender and is prohibited by law. NYCHA will not tolerate sexual harassment in the workplace.

The United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission defines sexual harassment as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature. Such conduct constitutes sexual harassment when:

- Submission to such conduct is either explicitly or implicitly made a term or condition of an individual's employment;
- Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as a basis for employment decisions; or
- Such conduct has the effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment.

Sexual harassment may include a broad range of subtle and not so subtle behaviors. Examples of employee behavior in violation of this policy, which are by no means exhaustive, include the following:

- unwanted sexual advances;
- subtle or overt pressure for sexual favors; sexual jokes;
- unwanted flirtations, innuendoes, advances or propositions;
- verbal abuse of a sexual nature;
- graphic commentary about an individual's body, sexual prowess or sexual deficiencies;
- leering, whistling, touching, pinching, assault, coerced sexual acts, or suggestive, insulting or obscene comments or gestures; and
- the display in the workplace of sexually suggestive objects or pictures including through the use of e-mail communications.

These types of behaviors are prohibited both in the actual workplace and in any location that can reasonably be regarded as an extension of the workplace, such as at an off-site NYCHA sanctioned function.



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Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy Statement (Continued)

This policy is not meant to interfere with voluntary social relationships between individuals in the workplace, but this policy does prohibit those actions and behaviors that are unwanted and unwelcome, and/or which create an intimidating, offensive, or hostile work environment.

Any manager or supervisor who receives a complaint of sexual harassment or becomes aware of sexually harassing conduct <u>must</u> immediately report this information to the Department of Equal Opportunity (DEO). Supervisors are not to engage in any independent investigation of the complaint of discrimination. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in disciplinary action against the manager or supervisor.

All persons who work at NYCHA owned or operated locations should work to maintain an atmosphere of respect and nondiscrimination, and to promote understanding among co-workers. Managers and supervisors are directed to make all employment decisions in accordance with this policy, and to ensure compliance with this policy in their areas of responsibility. NYCHA encourages all employees to immediately report any allegation of sexual harassment or sexually harassing behaviors they become aware of to the NYCHA Department of Equal Opportunity.

WHERE TO FILE OR REPORT A COMPLAINT OR TO SEEK ASSISTANCE WITH AN EEO MATTER

If you believe that you, a co-worker or a job applicant is a victim of discrimination, you should immediately report the conduct to:



NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY DEPARTMENT OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT & FAIR HOUSING INVESTIGATIONS (OEFHI) 90 CHURCH STREET, 6th FLOOR NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10007 212-306-4468 deo@nycha.nyc.gov

The OEFHI personnel listed below are available to provide assistance on Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

Celeste T. Segure, Director	(212) 306-4633
Maurice Q. Robinson, Assistant Director EEO Officer	(212) 306-4467
Maria Ortega-Lobos, Equal Employment & Fair Housing Analyst	(212) 306-4628
Saba Maher, Equal Employment & Fair Housing Analys	(212) 306-3038
Valerie Adams-Baker, Equal Employment & Fair Housing Analyst	(212) 306-2813
DEO Facsimile	(212) 306-4439
TTY (Hearing Impaired)	(212) 306-4845

An employee or job applicant may file an internal complaint of discrimination with DEO anytime within one year of the date the incident occurred. A NYCHA employee or job applicant may electronically file a NYCHA Complaint of Alleged Discrimination (NYCHA Form 036.025 (Rev. 2/6/20). OEFHI personnel will meet with any employee who seeks to file a complaint to ascertain whether the complaint involves an allegation of employment discrimination prior to commencing a formal investigation. workplace or conduct that violates this policy.



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Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy Statement (Continued)

An employee may report employment discrimination to DEO without revealing her/his identity by telephoning or writing to any of the OEFHI personnel listed above. In cases where DEO receives an anonymous complaint, DEO will review and investigate the anonymous complaint, to the extent possible, and recommend corrective action where appropriate to remedy any unlawful discrimination in the workplace or conduct that violates this policy.

DEO understands that these matters can be extremely sensitive, and DEO will keep employee and applicant internal complaints and communications in confidence, except when disclosure is required by law, or is needed to complete an investigation. This means that information obtained from a person who seeks assistance from DEO will not be discussed with other personnel except as necessary to investigate or resolve the complaint.

All complaints filed by employees and applicants for employment will be impartially and fairly investigated. The complainant and named respondent(s) to the complaint of discrimination will receive written notification that an internal complaint has been filed with DEO, and all parties to the complaint will be provided with an opportunity to respond. Both parties to the complaint will be advised of the right to enter into a voluntary written agreement to resolve the complaint of discrimination, and that such voluntary agreement will constitute the final disposition of the complaint.

All persons interviewed in the course of an investigation shall have the right to be accompanied by an appropriate representative of their choosing, who shall not participate in the interview. Advance notice shall be given to DEO.

This policy prohibits retaliation against an employee who uses the DEO internal complaint procedures, or files a complaint with any governmental human rights agency, or commences litigation under applicable anti-discrimination laws. This policy also prohibits retaliation against employees for providing information related to, or assisting in, the investigation of complaints of discrimination and/or harassment, or for voicing opposition to unlawful discrimination. Retaliation or discriminatory harassment is unlawful and will be cause for disciplinary action and subject the perpetrator to liability under law.

At the conclusion of the investigation, DEO will provide written notification of its findings to the complainant and respondent. DEO will also provide the relevant department leadership with written notification of DEO's findings along with any recommendation for corrective action where appropriate. DEO may recommend corrective action, including disciplinary action, with respect to persons whom it finds to have engaged in unlawful discrimination, violated Housing Authority policies, or engaged in unprofessional or inappropriate conduct.

Employees found to be in violation of this policy and/or laws prohibiting employment discrimination and/ or retaliation may be subject to disciplinary action and/or liability under law. Monetary and civil penalties may be awarded for violations under applicable laws.

Any employee who wants further information or requires assistance in identifying employment discrimination and ways to prevent employment discrimination, should contact the DEO at the address and telephone numbers listed above.

This policy statement supersedes all prior policy statements on this subject.



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NYCHA Fair Housing Non-Discrimination Policy



NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY FAIR HOUSING NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY



It is the policy of the New York City Housing Authority to provide equal housing opportunities for all qualified residents and applicants. In the selection of families and in the provision of NYCHA programs, services or activities, there shall be no discrimination against any person on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, sexual orientation, age, familial status, marital status, partnership status, lawful occupation, lawful source of income, military status, alienage or citizenship status, or on the grounds that a person is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking. This policy also prohibits retaliation.

This policy is in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Fair Housing Act of 1968, as amended by the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the ADA Amendments Act of 2008, and the New York State and New York City Human Rights Laws.

NYCHA will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified residents and applicants with disabilities so they can participate equally in NYCHA programs, services, or activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, or other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

NYCHA will make reasonable modifications to its policies and programs to afford qualified residents and applicants with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in its programs, services, or activities.

Persons who require an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a NYCHA program, service, or activity may contact NYCHA's Customer Contact Center at 718-707-7771, or the Department of Equal Opportunity, Services for People With Disabilities Unit, 90 Church Street, 6th Floor, New York, NY, 10007, telephone number, 212-306-4468, TTY 212-306-4845 from 8:30AM to 5:00PM Monday through Friday.

Any resident or applicant who wishes to report housing discrimination or retaliation **MAY FILE A DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT (NYCHA 036.024)** by contacting the Department of Equal Opportunity from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday at:



New York City Housing Authority Department of Equal Opportunity 90 Church Street 6th Floor New York, NY 10007 Telephone: (212) 306-4468 • Fax: (212) 306-4439

Any resident or applicant may also contact any of the following federal, state or city human rights agencies listed below to report housing discrimination or retaliation:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

New York State Division of Human Rights

State Division
Ann Rights

& URBAN DEVELOPMENT
New York Regional Office of Fair
Housing and Equal Opportunity

TTY: (212) 306-4845

New York City Commission on Human Rights

One Fordham Plaza 4th Floor Bronx, New York 10458 (718) 741-8400 www.dhr.ny.gov 26 Federal Plaza, Room 3541 New York, NY 10278 (212) 264-8000 TTY (212) 264-0927 http://www.hud.gov 22 Reade Street,1st Floor New York, NY 10007 (718) 722-3131 • 311 (in NYC) (Voice and TTY) http://www.nyc.gov/cchr/

Copies of this policy are available in accessible format to Persons with Disabilities upon request.

PLEASE POST



Equal Employment Non-Discrimination Policy



EQUAL EMPLOYMENT NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the policy of the New York City Housing Authority to provide equal employment opportunities for all qualified applicants and personnel without regard to:

AGE, ALIENAGE OR CITIZENSHIP STATUS. CAREGIVER STATUS, CREED, COLOR, CONSUMER CREDIT HISTORY, DISABILITY, FAMILIAL STATUS, GENDER/SEX (GENDER **IDENTITY, PREGNANCY AND LACTATION** ACCOMMODATION, SEXUAL HARASSMENT), MARITAL STATUS, MILITARY STATUS, NATURAL HAIR, NATIONAL ORIGIN. PARTNERSHIP STATUS. PRE-EMPLOYMENT MARIJUANA TESTING, PREDISPOSING GENETIC CHARACTERISTICS, PRIOR ARREST OR CONVICTION, PRIOR SALARY HISTORY, RACE, RELIGION, SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH DECISIONS. SEXUAL ORIENTATION, STATUS AS A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING **VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, SEX** OFFENSES OR STALKING, **UNEMPLOYMENT STATUS AND TO** MAINTAIN AN ENVIRONMENT FREE OF UNLAWFUL HARASSMENT ON ANY OF THE ABOVE-NOTED GROUNDS, INCLUDING SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND RETALIATION.

This policy is in accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Fair Labor Standard Amendments of 1974, Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the ADA Amendments Act of 2008, Civil Rights Act of 1991, and the New York State and City Human Rights Laws.



Reporting Allegations of Discrimination, or Retaliation

NYCHA encourages employees and applicants for employment to immediately report any allegation of discrimination, or retaliation they become aware of to the NYCHA Department of Equal Opportunity. Any person who wishes to report or file a complaint of employment discrimination must do so within one year of the allegation of discrimination. YOU MAY FILE A DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT(NYCHA Form 036.025) by contacting the Department of Equal Opportunity's Office of Employment & Fair Housing Investigations from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday:

NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY, DEPARTMENT OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT & FAIR HOUSING INVESTIGATIONS (OEFHI)

90 CHURCH STREET, 6THFLOOR

New York, NY 10007 Telephone: (212) 306-4468 Fax: (212) 306-4439 TTY: (212) 306-4845 deo@nycha.nyc.gov

Or by contacting any of the following federal, state or city human rights agencies listed below:

UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

33 Whitehall Street New York, NY 10004 (212) 336-3620 (212) 336-3622 (TTY) www.eeoc.gov

NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

One Fordham Plaza, 4th Floor Bronx, New York 10458 (718) 741-8400 www.dhr.ny.gov

NEW YORK CITY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

22 Reade Street, 1st Floor New York, NY 10007 (718) 722-3131 • 311 (in NYC) (Voice and TTY) http://www.nyc.gov/cchr

US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR Employee Disability -FMLA Only

Wage & Hour Division 26 Federal Plaza, Suite 3700/3838 New York, NY 10278 (212) 264-8185 • (866) 487-9243 (TTY) https://www.dol.gov/whd

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HOUSING & CIVIL ENFORCEMENT SECTION

U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division (Disability Complaints only)

U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Civil Rights Division
Disability Rights Section – 1425 New York Avenue
Washington, DC 20530
800 514-0301
TTY: 800-514-0383
You may also file a complaint
by E-mail at ada.complaint@usdoj.gov

There are statutory deadlines for filing complaints with each of the agencies listed above. Reporters are encouraged contact the respective agency to find out the applicable deadline.



NYCHA Single Sex Facility Access



You have the right to use the restroom, locker room, or other single-sex facility consistent with your gender identity or gender expression.

Individuals cannot be asked to show identification, medical documentation, or any other form of proof or verification of gender.

Any person who abuses this policy in order to assault, harass, intimidate, or otherwise interfere with an individual's rights under this policy will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.



This policy does not provide a right to a member of the public to use a facility that is reserved for the exclusive use of employees.

Contact: deo@nycha.nyc.gov or call 212-306-4468 and ask for NYCHA EEO Officer For more info, go to http://on.nyc.gov/ssf-facts



Social Media Policy

NEW YORK CITY HO	DUSING AUTHORITY		STANDARD F	ROCEDURE
SUBJECT	ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT	APPROVED DATE	APPROVED BY	INDEX NO.
SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY	COMMUNICATIONS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE	Issued May 1, 2012	Lynn Godfrey Chief Communications Officer	004:12:1
			Atefeh Riazi Acting General Manager	

I. PURPOSE

This Standard Procedure establishes the guidelines for all New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) employees, consultants, and contractors regarding social media use, monitoring, and management of information.

II. POLICY

It is NYCHA's policy to encourage the use of NYCHA approved social media tools to enhance its business functions and execute NYCHA's goals in achieving its mission.

Users of social media tools must also comply with Standard Procedure 003:01:5, *Internet Policy*, and all applicable Federal, State, local laws and regulations.

III. APPLICABILITY

This Standard Procedure applies to all NYCHA employees, consultants, and contractors.

IV. DEFINITIONS

A. Uniform Resource Locator (URL)

URL is the global address of documents and other resources on the World Wide Web.

B. Social Media Tools

Social media tools are creative and interactive forms of Internet-based communication that permit NYCHA and its employees to interact over the web.

C. Approved Social Media Tools for Official/Authorized Use

NYCHA approved social media tools for official/authorized use include:

1. Twitter

Twitter is a micro-blogging platform which allows users to create profiles and follow other users.

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2. Facebook

Facebook is an online community for people and businesses to connect with others and enables people to share videos, pictures, and information with their social media community from their accounts.

3. LinkedIn

LinkedIn is a social networking tool that allows members to create personal accounts and connect with other users on the network for the purposes of professional development.

4. YouTube

YouTube is a video hosting tool that allows users to create an account to view, upload, and comment on video content.

5. Flickr

Flickr is a media hosting network tool where users create an account to upload and share photos.

6. foursquare

foursquare is a location-based social networking tool primarily for mobile devices, such as smartphones.

7. Tumblr

Tumblr is a microblogging platform and social networking tool.

NOTE: Contact the Department of Communications for inquiries regarding the list of NYCHA approved social media tools.

V. NYCHA SOCIAL MEDIA USE

NYCHA social media tools assist in empowering employees to build productive relationships between and among all stakeholders including, but not limited to, NYCHA residents; NYCHA employees; NYCHA employee organizations; NYCHA's certified unions; the City, State, and Federal Governments; community based organizations; not-for-profit institutions; elected officials; and the general public.

NYCHA approved social media tools are used in the following manner:

A. Official

The Department of Communications serves as the "voice" of NYCHA and posts on

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behalf of NYCHA.

B. Authorized

The Department of Communications approves a Social Media Account Manager to post on behalf of NYCHA.

C. Unofficial/Personal

NYCHA employees, consultants, and contractors are encouraged to use their
personal social media accounts to "like" or "share" NYCHA programs, information, or
other NYCHA activities with their social media communities. NYCHA employees,
consultants, and contractors must not use their NYCHA email address in connection
with any social media account unless authorized in writing by the Social Media
Working Group.

NOTE: NYCHA employees' limited personal use in the workplace is subject to monitor and review by the Social Media Working Group. Such use is appropriate and expected; however, such use must be kept to a minimum and must not interfere with employees' work assignment and/or job performance (e.g., use during non-working hours such as before/after work and during lunch periods).

 NYCHA employees, consultants, or contractors who identify themselves as such on their own social media tools and who publish professional/personal opinions about NYCHA must use the following disclaimer where technically feasible:

"The postings on this tool are my own and do not represent the position, strategy, or opinion(s) of NYCHA."

The Department of Communications may be contacted for technical assistance on including disclaimers on professional/personal social media tools.

NOTE: NYCHA employees, consultants, and contractors are legally responsible for their postings and may be held liable if the content of their postings violates any applicable Federal, State, or local laws.

VI. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Social Media Working Group

The Social Media Working Group is comprised of the Departments of Communications, Information Technology Infrastructure, Law, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, and Office of the Chief Security Officer.

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The Social Media Working Group:

 Reviews all business case requests and approves the use of social media tools by NYCHA employees in an official or authorized capacity as Social Media Account Managers

NOTE: NYCHA employees, consultants, and contractors must register all official and authorized use of social media with the Social Media Working Group.

- 2. Defines Cybersecurity Risk Management for compliance by all employees, consultants, and contractors using NYCHA approved social media tools
- 3. Reviews Social Media policy and assesses NYCHA's compliance as required
- Monitors Social Media use and content by authorized users of NYCHA approved social media tools
- 5. Oversees Social Media training of Social Media Account Managers
- B. Department of Communications
 - Approves Social Media Account Managers and implements social media accounts for use on behalf of NYCHA
 - Creates the account, usernames, and passwords and assists the Social Media Account Managers to begin using their social media tools, once the business case request is approved for official/authorized use
 - Maintains on file a list of social media tools and associated account URLs, usernames, and passwords (including any and all updates)
 - Oversees the Social Media Account Managers' duties in managing their social media tools
 - Grants permission to Social Media Account Managers before publishing of photographs, videos, or quotes of others, upon receipt of a photo release form (available upon request from the Department of Communications)
 - 6. Provides technical assistance regarding the inclusion of disclaimers on social media tools
 - 7. Provides training and guidance to Social Media Account Managers on NYCHA communications protocol

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- C. Social Media Account Manager
 - 1. Moderates all user generated social media content on authorized social media tools
 - 2. Must be familiar with NYCHA's *Social Media Policy* and all other NYCHA procedures related to posting content. These include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Privacy laws
 - NYCHA's Standard Procedure 003:78:1, Public Access to Authority Records (FOIL)
 - Correct responses to customer service requests sent via comments/postings and intra-agency communications
 - 3. Manages their social media accounts including the following duties:
 - a. Check their social media accounts at least once a day and respond to any comments, questions, or feedback if warranted
 - b. Upload or post new content on a regular basis, no less than once a week in order to keep the content fresh while encouraging users to visit often for updates
 - c. Use plain language
 - d. Acknowledge and appreciate the input of their customers' use of social media.
- D. Employees, Consultants, and Contractors

NYCHA employees, consultants, and contractors must:

- Comply with the policy, procedures, and guidelines in this and associated Standard Procedures including, but not limited to, Standard Procedure 003:01:5, *Internet Policy*
- Ensure their use of the social media tools does not violate any applicable Federal, State, or local laws

NOTE: Violation of this Standard Procedure may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

VII. OBTAINING AUTHORIZATION TO USE SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLS

A Department/Office Director or designee must submit an email outlining a business case to the Social Media Working Group and obtain written approval prior to the implementation of a social media tool and Social Media Account Manager access to the new account(s).

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- A. The business case includes:
 - 1. Target Audience and Benefit to Department/Office's Mission
 - 2. Type of NYCHA approved social media tool
 - 3. Benchmarks and Metrics for Success
 - 4. A risk assessment (including risk mitigation techniques) in the following areas:
 - a. Employee productivity
 - b. Security of NYCHA Information Technology assets
 - c. Reputational risk to NYCHA
- B. Once the Social Media Working Group approves the business case, the Department of Communications creates the account, usernames, and passwords and assists the Social Media Account Managers to begin using their selected social media tools.

VIII. SOCIAL MEDIA RULES

When using NYCHA approved social media tools, employees, consultants, and contractors must comply with the following:

A. Terms of Participation Statements

A "Terms of Participation" statement, which is provided by the Department of Communications, outlines NYCHA's expectations of the users in using NYCHA approved social media tools. All approved NYCHA social media accounts must prominently display or link to such a NYCHA Terms of Service (TOS) statement.

B. Disclaimers

Many social media tools generate advertisements for third party tools and applications as a source of revenue. To safeguard against potential liability issues, the Department of Communications disables this feature, if possible, on NYCHA approved social media accounts. When this feature is not disabled, a disclaimer must be included. Contact the Department of Communications for the appropriate disclaimer.

- C. Rules of Conduct
 - Communicate in a professional manner. Do not post content that includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. Obscene or threatening language

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- Discrimination based upon race, gender, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation, religion, or disability
- c. The promotion of services or products (not including non-commercial links that are relevant to the content)
- d. Private telephone numbers, email addresses, or postal addresses
- e. Embeds to other media (not including hyperlinks to other media)
- f. Personal information about self or others
- g. Creating a hostile work environment or constituting sexual harassment
- Do not place or allow any of the following to remain on NYCHA approved social media tools:
 - a. Privacy Act information (i.e., social security numbers, dates of birth, and medical records)
 - b. Floor plans or blueprints of any facility, or electrical, water, telephone or network diagrams detailing routes and locations of existing wires, pipes, or shafts
 - c. Picture or video of NYCHA employees unless they are approved for public affairs purposes (for example, ribbon cutting and official announcements)
 - d. Logistics and travel itineraries of people associated with the City of New York
 - e. Political or campaign information or links to such tools
 - f. Endorsement of commercial products or businesses without prior approval.
- Think carefully before posting. When in doubt, leave it out. Seek guidance from respective Department/Office Director or Department of Communications if unsure how to respond or what to post.

NOTE: Participation in social media communities can result in a user's comments being permanently available and open to being republished in other media.

4. Do not discuss or post confidential, proprietary, or otherwise restricted information.

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IX. CYBERSECURITY RISK MANAGEMENT

Successful integration of social media into NYCHA's operations requires that NYCHA's information and systems are secure and protected from malicious activity.

All employees, consultants, and contractors using NYCHA social media tools must comply with the following instructions to secure NYCHA tools:

- A. Maintain information confidentiality, integrity, and availability when accessing data or distributing proprietary information.
- B. Do not post non-publically available information on social media tools.
- C. Protect the security of NYCHA tools by:
 - 1. Always using a secure https connection
 - 2. Never sharing your NYCHA network sign-on username or password with others
 - 3. Notifying the Department of Communications of all incidents of unauthorized access to or modification of social media content
 - Monitoring all posts for malicious links and/or inappropriate material and evaluating shortened URL (e.g., bitly or TinyURL) for possible malicious behavior prior to posting
 - Using only current NYCHA approved systems, browsers, and browser plug-ins to reduce the risk to NYCHA tools from known vulnerabilities
 - Using only the secure NYCHA gateway to prevent malware from reaching your computer
 - 7. Keeping anti-viral tools up-to-date and in use at all times

X. NYCHA TRAINING

All Social Media Account Managers, other employees, consultants, and contractors using NYCHA social media tools must be trained to secure and protect NYCHA's information and systems.

A. Social Media Account Managers

Social Media Account Managers' training includes how to:

 Identify and defend against potential cyber attacks, including attacks against content, tools, and equipment used

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- 2. Effectively communicate NYCHA's policies
- 3. Effectively represent NYCHA online to their specific audiences
- B. Other Employees, Consultants, and Contractors

Other employees, consultants, and contractors will participate in Social Media online certification that includes information regarding cybersecurity.

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HR Memo #16-18 Appropriate Work Attire



HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

90 Church Street | 5th FL | New York, NY 10007 | (212) 306-8000

HR Memo #16-18

DATE: July 16, 2018

TO: All NYCHA Employees

FROM: Nicole Van Gendt, Director, Human Resources Department

SUBJECT: Appropriate Workplace Attire

This memorandum serves as a reminder of the Authority's guidelines concerning appropriate workplace attire.

Employees who serve in titles which require uniforms, must wear them during work hours. All other employees are expected to dress in a manner that is appropriate for a business environment. All clothing worn during business hours should be neat and clean in appearance.

Extremely informal and/or revealing clothing that reveals your cleavage, back, stomach or underwear may not be worn during work hours. These include but are not limited to shorts, halters, midriff tops, and ripped clothing. Employees must also be sensitive to our diverse environment, and therefore refrain from wearing clothing which displays messages that may be viewed as offensive by others.

Adhering to these guidelines will support the Authority's efforts to maintain a productive and professional work environment.

Thank you for your cooperation.

For locations with employees that do not have computer access, please Print and Post in a conspicuous area.

HR Memo #9-18 Excused Leave for Cancer Screenings



HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

90 Church Street | 5th FL | New York, NY 10007 | (212) 306-8000

HR Memo # 9-18 DATE: April 4, 2018

TO: ALL NYCHA Employees

FROM: Nicole Van Gendt, Acting Director, Human Resources

SUBJECT: Excused Leave for Cancer Screenings

Effective March 18, 2018, in accordance with Civil Service Law Section 159-b, NYCHA employees are now entitled to excused, paid leave not to exceed four (4) hours each calendar year to undergo any type of cancer screening.

Consistent with NYCHA's Time and Leave Regulations, employees must submit a request for excused time for cancer screening by submitting NYCHA form 015.015 to their supervisor for pre-approval. On the form employees should note that they are requesting leave for the purpose of a cancer screening.

If the request for leave is approved, the time for the cancer screening will initially be charged to the employee's annual leave bank. Upon returning to work, the employee must submit to his/her supervisor an original medical note on official letterhead completed by his/her Health Care Provider indicating that the employee was screened for cancer on the date in question. The leave will then be changed to "excused time" and up to 4 hours of annual leave will be returned to the employee. Failure to submit valid medical documentation will result in the time being charged to the employee's annual leave balance or pay docked to the extent the annual leave is insufficient.

Please note that a maximum of 4 hours, including travel time, may be excused for any cancer screening in any calendar year. Any amount greater than 4 hours will be charged to the employee's accrued annual leave or pay docked to the extent the annual leave bank is insufficient. Any amount less than 4 hours may be applied to a subsequent cancer screening, if warranted, during the same calendar year, not to exceed 4 hours combined. Requests for excused leave pursuant to NYS Civil Service Law Sections 159-b shall be taken at the convenience of the Authority. If your request for leave is not granted, and you fail to report to work as scheduled, you will be marked AWOL and may be subject to disciplinary action.

The excused leave for cancer screening is not cumulative and, if not used, expires at the end of each calendar year. Employees are entitled to this excused leave <u>only</u> when the screening is scheduled during the employees' regular work hours. Employees who undergo cancer screenings outside their regular work schedules do so on their own time and will not receive any compensatory time or other credits for excused leave not used.

Please contact ASK HR at (212) 306-8000, if you have any questions concerning this matter.

For locations with employees that do not have computer access, please Print and Post in a conspicuous area.

Language Assistance Services Policy



Language Assistance Services Policy



It is NYCHA's policy to help people with limited English proficiency (LEP) to learn about and have access to NYCHA's programs and activities. NYCHA does this by providing language interpretation and translation services to LEP individuals. NYCHA also provides sign language interpretation services to hearing-impaired individuals when needed.

Staff should follow these guidelines:

- Identify the language that the person needs by using the Language Identification Card.
- Supervisors should determine the most efficient and effective means of providing language interpretation services.
- Bilingual staff in the department should be utilized first. If no bilingual staff members are available, call the Department of Communications' Language Services Unit (LSU) hotline at (212) 306-4443.
- Contact LSU if a sign language interpreter is needed.
- Appointments or interviews may need to be rescheduled to a later date when an interpreter is available.

The Language Services Unit (LSU) is here to assist!

To request translation or interpretation services:

- · Call LSU at (212) 306-4443;
- Submit form 036.017, Translation/Interpretation Request, or form 036.020, Request for Sign Language Interpreter, located in the Forms and Reference Library, at least five days in advance of appointment; or
- Send an e-mail to languageservices@nycha.nyc.gov.

DOs and DON'Ts for LEP or hearing-impaired individuals

DON'T ASK a person to bring his/her own interpreter.

- **DO ALLOW** a person to bring his/her own adult interpreter if it is his/her wish, and document the decision.
- **DO OFFER** free language services or sign language interpretation.
- **DO PROVIDE** interpretation services if the case is not suitable for having a friend or family provide these services (e.g., domestic violence, elder abuse, or sexual assault).

Management Benefit Fund (MBF)

The following information is more MBF eligible members only. Eligible MBF members have positions with managerial/confidential duties and titles not covered under collective bargaining agreements.

Note that MBF does not cover prescriptions; MBF members must select the Optional Rider through their medical plans if they would like Rx coverage.

The MBF provides many benefits including dental care, vision care, basic life insurance, superimposed major medical benefits, long term disability coverage and reimbursement for health club membership. Many of these benefits are also available to eligible dependents of MBF members. There is no cost related to MBF benefits, but you must enroll to participate.

Please complete the forms and return it to the Employee Benefits Division via email to HR.Benefits@nycha.nyc.gov.

When completing the "MBF Application for Membership Form 1060", the Basic Life Insurance Beneficiary Designation section must not be left blank, you must choose a beneficiary.

For complete information on the Management Benefits Fund, including free basic life insurance and the optional Group Universal Life Insurance program, please visit the MBF website through the *CityShare* link on the NYCHA Home page.

The completed forms must be returned to the Employee Benefits Division, within 14 business days to ensure timely enrollment.

If you have any questions regarding the Management Benefits Fund, please email HR.Benefits@nycha.nyc.gov

Voluntary Defined Contribution Program (VDC)

For an employee to be eligible to participate in the VDC program, all the following requirements must be met:

- Hired on or after July 1, 2013, and active on payroll status.
- Be an unrepresented (non-union) full-time or part-time employee.
- Have an annualized salary of \$75,000 or more; and
- Not currently a member of any New York City pension system, as of the rollout of the VDC program.

To understand the differences between the VDC program and a City pension system, view Comparing the VDC program and Defined Benefit Plans at www.vdc.ny.gov.



Employee Discount and Programs

BI'S WHOLESALE CLUB DISCOUNT

City employees can renew their membership or become members of BJ's Wholesale Club and enjoy discounted membership rates.

Click here for <u>BJ's Wholesale Club discount application</u>. BJ's Mailing Instructions

BROADWAY SHOW DISCOUNTS

Visit http://www.corporateoffers.com/offers.php for exclusive discounted pricing on Broadway Shows. Take advantage of the opportunity to view top name shows on Broadway at discounted rates. The site is updated daily.

CELEBRATE NEW YORK WITH GIFTS FROM CITYSTORE

Shop online @ NYC.gov/CityStore 20% City Of New York Employees Discount enter code 4212 in the promo field. In store: with valid City ID.

David N. Dinkins Municipal Building 1 Centre Street – North Plaza Store Hours: Monday – Friday/10am-5pm

DISCOUNT THEATER TICKETS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

Mayor's Office of Film, Theatre & Broadcasting
City employees can become members of the Theater
Development Fund (TDF) and enjoy discounted rates on
various productions throughout the year.

GYM MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS

Check out local gyms and studios providing discounted offerings to City employees. Visit the <u>WorkWell Physical</u> Activity page on the Office of Labor Relations (OLR) site.

MOBILE PHONE, CABLE, COMPUTER AND ELECTRONICS DISCOUNTS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

City employees may be eligible for discounts on products and services for their personal use from their cellular or cable provider that include:

- All Apple products
- AT&T
- All Samsung products
- Dell Member Purchase Program
- Microsoft Home Use Program
- T-Mobile (including Business Family Plan, Military and Veterans Plan
- Verizon (including Cable and FIOS customers)

Visit your local authorized provider to receive discounts.

WORKING ADVANTAGE

Registering with Working Advantage gives you access to discounts including Broadway theatre, theme parks, hotels, sporting events, family events, online shopping, gift certificates, seasonal ski tickets, and more.

Visit: https://workingadvantage.com Member ID #317726853 To order by phone call 1-800-565-3712

WORKWELL NYC

http://www1.nyc.gov/site/olr/wellness/wellnesshome.page WorkWell NYC is an exciting new initiative from the Mayor's Office of Labor Relations and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene designed to deliver innovative wellness solutions that support NYC employees in getting healthy and staying healthy!

WorkWell NYC Programs include:

- Weight Watchers
- Diabetes Prevention
- Smoking Cessation
- Flu Vaccinations
- Shape Up NYC

YANKEES DISCOUNTED TICKET PROGRAM

Stay tuned for offers for the 2023 season.

Interested in suites or season ticket packages? Please reach out to Joe Grande at <u>JGrande@Yankees.com</u> for more information.

21-DAY PLANT POWERED JUMPSTART PROGRAM

For more information and to register: https://www.plantpoweredmetrony.org/jumpstarts.html \$25 discount for City employees; Enter code: **NYCHEALTH23**







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HR Streamlines the Customer Service Process

As part of an effort to provide more direct access to subject matter experts, the Human Resources Department is adopting a new business model for the HR customer service phone line (212.306.8000). The 8000 number will remain the single point of contact, but callers will be able to select from menu prompts which connect them directly to the unit that can answer their questions.

Choices will include:

- Health benefits
- Timekeeping (including workers' compensation, separations, paid family leave, and other leaves of absence)
- Employment/civil service
- Salary
- All other topics, including:
 - Employee relations
 - Learning and development
 - Employee Self-Service login support
 - Labor relations and other union matters

In addition to the 8000 number, the Human Resources Department offers the following online resources, which address many common inquiries:

- An updated, electronically searchable Human Resources Manual: http://connect/sites/FRL/Library/HRM.pdf
- HR forms, including for family leave, reasonable accommodation, and health care certification (this site is available outside the NYCHA computer network): http://nychanow.nyc/hr-corner/
- Tables for calculating leave accrual: http://connect/bb/NYCHA_Employee_Titles_With_Leave_Accrual_Tables.pdf
- Other benefits, including dental and vision care, and direct deposit: http://connect/HR/Pages/other-benefits.aspx
- Health benefits program transfer periods: https://www1.nyc.gov/site/olr/health/healthhome.page
- Alternative Work Schedule: http://connect/HR/Pages/Alternative-Work-Schedules.aspx
- NYCAPS Employee Self-Service portal: http://webapps/pmslookup/default.aspx

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