



**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
ALL-EMPLOYEES MEMORANDUM**

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**DATE: JULY 26, 2021**

**EMPLOYEE MEDICAL HEALTH PLAN OF SUFFOLK COUNTY (EMHP)  
IMPORTANT CHANGES REGARDING INFUSION SITE OF CARE  
EFFECTIVE October 1, 2021**

As part of our continuing effort to provide our members with important updates regarding the Employee Medical Health Plan of Suffolk County (EMHP), the Labor/Management Committee, which oversees the EMHP, would like to provide you with important information concerning the following change to the Site of Care for Infusion Therapies.

Please be advised that effective **October 1, 2021**, any members utilizing infusion benefits for the first time, with the exception of any infusion relating to oncology treatment, shall be required to receive the infusion in a non-hospital based setting. However, if it is determined that the infusion must be administered in a hospital setting due to medical necessity and appropriateness, as determined by the EMHP's third party administrator, Empire BlueCross BlueShield ("EBCBS"), it will be covered based on EMHP plan rules. All Infusion Therapies require Prior Authorization before the commencement of treatment, which Prior Authorization is subject to annual review by EBCBS.

For those members who are currently receiving Infusion Therapy, please be advised that after October 1, 2021, and at the time of the annual review of your Prior Authorization you will be required to change your Site of Care plan to a non-hospital based setting for any future treatment if it is determined by EBCBS to be medically necessary and appropriate.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Empire BlueCross BlueShield (EBCBS), either through its website at [www.empireblue.com/emhp](http://www.empireblue.com/emhp) or by phone at 1(800)939-7515 OR by contacting Employee Benefits via email at [ebu@suffolkcountyny.gov](mailto:ebu@suffolkcountyny.gov) or by phone at 631-853-4866.

  
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