

NYC Retirees Say Medicare Benefit Switch Breaks Promises

In "NYC Retirees Say Medicare Benefit Switch Breaks Promises" (Law360, May 31, 2023), Law360 discusses a lawsuit filed on Wednesday, May 31, by NYC retirees against the city, Mayor Eric Adams, and other officials, aiming to block the city's plan to shift retired workers onto a privatized Medicare Advantage plan.

The retirees argue that this plan contradicts promises made in written and verbal communications, which assured them the city would provide and pay for a choice of Medicare supplemental insurance. They have filed a motion for a preliminary injunction to maintain their existing coverage. The retirees' representatives point to a successful case in Delaware where retired state workers fought against a similar forced switch. The retirees contend that the new plan would reduce healthcare benefits for the elderly and disabled.

Despite ongoing legal battles over the past two years, the city plans to enroll eligible retirees onto the new plan in September, intensifying the fight for traditional Medicare.

Pollock Cohen's Steve Cohen and Sara Haviva Mark represent the NYC Organization of Retirees in this matter.

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