

Retired NYC Workers Sue to Block Mayor Adams' Latest Medicare Advantage Plan: 'An Unjust Bait and Switch' (Exclusive)

In "Retired NYC Workers Sue to Block Mayor Adams' Latest Medicare Advantage Plan" (NY Daily News, May 31, 2023), NY Daily News discusses the latest lawsuit filed by retired municipal workers and the NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees to block NYC Mayor Adams and his administration's latest attempt to shift them into a privatized version of Medicare.

The lawsuit, filed in Manhattan Supreme Court, names Mayor Adams and other city officials as defendants, alleging that the plan violates labor laws and constitutes an unjust bait-and-switch. Previous attempts by Mayor Adams to implement cost-cutting Medicare Advantage plans were blocked by judges due to unlawful provisions. The new plan eliminates the option of traditional Medicare altogether, which retirees argue is even worse and deceptive.

The retirees seek a temporary restraining order to halt the Advantage rollout and ultimately want traditional Medicare coverage available to them free of charge. The suit claims that the new plan violates the same administrative law as the previous one by not providing proper coverage choice, which is required to provide premium-free health insurance for life to the retired workforce under Section 12-126.

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

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