



**Resolution  
Board of Supervisors  
County of Columbia  
New York**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 372 -2013**

**DATE: November 13, 2013**

**BY SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_  
INSURANCE COMMITTEE  
CHAIRMAN: RICHARD KEAVENEY**

**AUTHORIZING COLUMBIA COUNTY TO INTRODUCE AN ADDITIONAL MEDICARE  
ADVANTAGE PLAN**

**UPON, recommendation of the Insurance Committee at a meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2013 and of the Finance Committee at a meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2013;**

**WHEREAS, the plan, called the Essential PPO, carries higher co-pays on medical services and prescription drugs, and**

**WHEREAS, because of these higher co-pays the premium is 47% less expensive than the Blue Shield Forever Blue PPO which will still be offered, and**

**WHEREAS, the Essential Plan costs \$174/month vs. \$330 for Forever Blue (a retiree paying 50% of the cost will pay \$87/month vs. \$165.00/month) per the attached comparison;**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED, that authorization is given for Columbia County to introduce an additional Medicare Advantage Plan from Blue Shield of Northeastern NY effective for enrollment by retirees who are eligible for Medicare parts A and B effective 1/1/2014 ; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that any agreement entered into is subject to approval by the County Attorney's office; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Human Resources Department, the Controller's Department, the Columbia County Attorney and the Columbia County Treasurer.**

**Approved:**

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**County Attorney**

**Resolution  
Committee**

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