If Retiree Passes

The Surviving Spouse should contact Health Benefits to so advise the passing of the Retiree and the date. This will trigger a review of the invoicing wherein, if applicable, a Credit and or Refund of Premiums Paid.

The Surviving Spouse will receive a letter from the District explaining that they have a three month grace to explore the Market Place for comparison and cost considerations. If electing to stay with NYSHIP, the Survivor MUST be enrolled by the end of the 3 month grace. As an example, if Retiree passes August 5, the grace period starts September 1 and they would need to be enrolled in NYSHIP on January 1.

The Survivor pays 100% of the Premium and will continue to be Medicare Part B reimbursed provided they return the Questionnaire and submit annual Proofs of Medicare Premium Payment(s) for continued Medicare Reimbursement by the District

If Spouse Passes

Retiree should contact Health Benefits to so advise of the passing and the date. This will trigger a review of the Retiree Customer Profile, resetting of the Healthcare recurring charge, and the review of the invoicing where, if applicable, a Credit and or Refund of Premiums Paid after resetting the recurring charge.

** Note that NYSHIP and Social Security transfer information every night to which the District, for the most part, knows within 24 hours of a passing but not necessarily ***who*** passed – Retiree or Spouse.