

HIP Health Plan of New York



Introducing Domestic Partner Coverage for all HIP Small Groups

HIP is pleased to announce that we are now offering Domestic Partner Coverage (DPC) for same-sex and opposite-sex couples.* This coverage is available to all small groups with 2-50 employees.

DPC is available for all tier structures and for HIP's entire array of HMO, POS, EPO and PPO plans, within both the Prime and Premium networks. (Note: this DPC benefit does not affect 2007 rates).

In order to qualify for coverage under the rider, the subscriber must submit proof of DPC status. This includes proof of joint responsibility for common welfare and financial obligations, as well as cohabitation and Domestic Partner Registration. Some examples of acceptable items of proof of economic interdependency are:

- A joint mortgage or lease
- Evidence of joint responsibility for child care
- Joint wills, or a will designating the Domestic Partner as executor and/or primary beneficiary
- Ownership of a joint bank account, joint credit card, motor vehicle, or other major item of personal property.

For more information about this benefit for small groups, or for a full list of the requirements necessary to establish this benefit coverage, please contact your HIP representative or call our customer support staff at **1-888-447-7599**.

*DPC coverage is not available to sole proprietors.

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