

Dear Patient:

You may have recently received a letter from Emblem advising that, as of January 1, 2016, I will no longer be participating in Emblem's participating physician network. I want you to know that this decision was not mine, but Emblem's. The notice from Emblem does not give me a specific reason for its decision, other than Emblem Health has decided to reduce its fee-for-service provider network.

I also want you to know that I am fighting to stay within Emblem's network so that I can continue to deliver care to you.

If you are upset with Emblem's decision to drop me from its network, you can call the New York State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 to file a complaint, or file a complaint online with the NY-DFS from this web address: <http://dfs.ny.gov/consumer/fileacomplaint.htm>. Government officials are required to assure that Emblem offers you a comprehensive network of physicians and hospitals to assure you receive the care you need.

You can also call Emblem at 1-877-411-3625.

I am not alone. There are 750 other physicians who received similar notification that they are being dropped by Emblem. If you are aware of other patients who are also upset that their treating physicians are being dropped from Emblem's network of physicians, please give them the above numbers and web address to file a complaint with the NY-DFS and Emblem.

We hope that our efforts will convince Emblem to re-include me in its network. Please also be aware that I also participate with the following plans:

Thank you.