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TO: Superintendent and Key Contacts of Selected SISC III Member Districts
FROM: SISC III Health Benefits
SUBJECT: **Reminder - New City of Hope Cancer Benefit effective April 1, 2020**

City of Hope, in Duarte, CA, is a world-renowned oncology treatment and research hospital. The SISC Oncology Center of Excellence benefit featuring City of Hope is here to help PPO members navigate their cancer diagnosis and treatment journey.

The benefit offers free access to the City of Hope for most SISC Anthem and Blue Shield PPO members. 65+ plans are excluded. Also, per IRS guidelines, this benefit is subject to the deductible for members enrolled on HSA plans.

The attached postcard making members aware of the benefit will be sent to each eligible subscriber on a SISC PPO plan by the end of this month.

The benefit includes:

- An in-person or virtual evaluation – (travel costs covered for patient and a companion)
- A recommended care plan from a cancer expert who will discuss it with the member and their treating oncologist.
- Continued access to cancer care experts for 12 months following the evaluation.

SISC works with Health Design Plus (HDP) to administer this benefit. The attached FAQ provides more information.

If you have additional questions, please contact your SISC Account Management Team.