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**New York State Empire Blue Cross/ Blue Shield Panel  
Meeting Records 20761**

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## Overview of the Records

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| <b>Repository:</b>     | New York State Archives  |
| <b>Summary:</b>        | This series documents regular meetings held by members of the Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield Panel, including telephone conference calls. Records include meeting agendas, lists of participants, and supporting materials including draft versions of semi-annual or annual panel reports and statistical tables and charts. Meeting minutes are not included. |
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## Arrangement

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Chronological.

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## Administrative History

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The Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield Panel was established by Chapter 1, Laws of 1993 (Section 4319 of Insurance Law). Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield, the largest health care financing organization in the United States at the time, served over seven million New Yorkers in twenty-eight counties. The organization came under public scrutiny as a result of an Arthur Andersen and Co. management audit, which found that Blue Cross and Blue Shield had severely depleted its finances due to poor management and inadequate financial performance. A 1993 law required the organization to develop a plan to restore its surplus and otherwise improve operations.

The law forming the special advisory review panel directed it to review the original audit and the criteria for future audits of Blue Cross and Blue Shield; monitor the corporation's six-year

plan to restore its financial surplus; evaluate the corporation's administrative expenses and customer services; and obtain information on the financial condition of the corporation. The panel consisted of nine members, three of whom were appointed by the governor, two each by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the Assembly, and one each by the minority leaders of the Senate and Assembly. The panel's legal mandate expired in July of 2000.

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## Scope and Content Note

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This series documents regular meetings held by members of the Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield Panel, including telephone conference calls. Although minutes are not available, the records do include meeting agendas, lists of participants, and supporting materials provided by panel staff to guide the members in their deliberations. Supporting materials often include draft versions of semi-annual or annual panel reports, as well as financial data in the form of statistical tables and charts.

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## Other Finding Aids

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### Available at Repository

Folder list is available at the repository.

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## Use of Records

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### Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of this material.

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## Access Terms

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- Health insurance

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- Monitoring
- Public health administration--New York (State)
- Reports
- Insurance companies--New York (State)
- New York (State)
- Regulating insurance
- Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield (N.Y.)