Anthem, Inc., the parent company of Empire BlueCross Blue Shield (EBCBS), one of New York City’s health insurance providers, was recently the victim of a highly-sophisticated cyber-attack. EBCBS provides hospital benefits to many current and former CUNY employees. EBCBS has informed the City that some 80 million members’ medical and personal data may have been accessed. Information that was accessed includes: names, birth dates, medical identification numbers, Social Security numbers, street addresses, e-mail addresses, and employment information.

The breach has already generated “phishing” email scams, in which criminals pose as legitimate businesses and try to persuade people to provide personal information about themselves and/or sign up for bogus credit protection services.

Click here to see the latest press release on the data breach. For additional information, CUNY employees who participate in EBCBS can contact Anthem by visiting www.AnthemFacts.com or by calling 1-877-263-7995.