

## *Garafalo v. Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield*

**COURT:** United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

Plaintiffs filed this consumer fraud class action on behalf of over four million New Yorkers who maintain health insurance with or through Empire Blue Cross & Blue Shield. The lawsuit contends that Empire improperly overcharged plan participants for co-payments by obtaining reduced rates for services from healthcare providers, and not passing on the savings to the insureds.

Settled for \$5.6 million - 100% of class damages.