

The Health Alliance of Greater Cincinnati Network Disruption

Anthem has forwarded the following information to McGohan Brabender relative to their contract with The Health Alliance of Greater Cincinnati (and the imminent disruption of service). Please read the following information and contact your McGohan Brabender Account Team for additional information. We are reprinting the information verbatim as relayed to us.

The Health Alliance of Greater Cincinnati's facility network contract with Anthem will expire on April 1, 2010. And The Health Alliance has chosen to cancel their physician and ancillary network contracts effective April 1. We continue to negotiate with The Health Alliance in hopes of reaching an agreement by March 31. If a new agreement isn't reached, the following facilities and physicians will not be part of Anthem's provider networks, leaving Anthem members to pay higher out-of-pocket costs - or if their group's benefit plan does not provide out-of-network benefits, the entire cost of services received - beginning April 1:

- The University Hospital
- West Chester Medical Center
- University Pointe Surgical Hospital
- The Drake Center
- The Jewish Hospital (pending sale to Mercy scheduled to close on 3/1/10)
- Alliance Primary Care
- Kenwood Medical Imaging
- The Fort Hamilton Hospital (NOTE: Several media outlets are reporting that The Fort Hamilton Hospital may be pursuing an affiliation with the Kettering Health Network.)
- Transplant Centers of Excellence: University Hospital - adult liver, kidney and simultaneous pancreas/kidney
- Members who have used Health Alliance facilities or providers within the past twelve months and all employers in the Cincinnati metro area will receive letters by March 1 alerting them to the situation. To view these letters - which contain additional detail and FAQs - please click on:

1. [Member letter](#)
2. [Employer letter](#)

Even without The Health Alliance, Anthem still has an extensive network of hospitals and physicians in Greater Cincinnati, including, for example:

Full service hospitals:

- Children's Hospital Medical Center
- Mercy Hospitals: Mt Airy, Western Hills, Clermont, Anderson and Fairfield, and The Jewish Hospital (assuming Jewish sale closes as planned on 3/1/10)
- TriHealth Hospitals: Bethesda North & Good Samaritan

- The Christ Hospital
- St. Elizabeth Edgewood, St. Elizabeth Covington, St. Elizabeth Grant Co., St. Elizabeth Falmouth, St. Elizabeth Ft. Thomas (formerly St. Luke East), and St. Elizabeth Florence (formerly St. Luke West)
- Atrium Medical Center
- Dearborn County Hospital
- Adams County Medical Center
- Brown County General Hospital
- Deaconess Hospital
- Highland District County Hospital
- Margaret Mary Community
- McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital
- Veterans Administration Medical Center

Other facilities:

- Health South Rehab Hospital of N. KY
- Gateway Rehabilitation Hospital
- North Key Psychiatric Hospital
- Select Specialty Hospital
- Cardinal Hill
- Butler County Medical Center
- Evendale Medical Center

Please direct members who have questions about benefits or need assistance in selecting a new health care provider to the provider directory on www.anthem.com or to call the Member Service phone number on their Anthem ID card.