

(Anthem has forward the following communication to McGohan Brabender and asked that we forward the information to our Anthem clients.)

Contract terminations by Cincinnati hospital-based radiology groups

Anthem has received termination notices from three hospital-based radiology groups that provide service for hospitals in the Greater Cincinnati area, as follows:

Provider Name	Hospital Affiliation	Termination Effective Date
NuRay Radiology	Mercy Fairfield Hospital	April 5, 2010
Medical X-Ray Inc	Good Samaritan Hospital	May 1, 2010
Northeast Radiology	Bethesda North Hospital	May 1, 2010

These terminations impact Anthem's Blue Traditional[®], Blue Access[®], Blue Preferred[®], Blue PrioritySM and Anthem Medicare Advantage products.

Anthem has been in negotiations with these providers but unable to reach agreement. We will, therefore, notify Greater Cincinnati Area clients of this potential network disruption today.

It is common for hospitals to contract with only one group of radiologists. Unfortunately this exclusivity gives these groups significant advantage when negotiating with networks. Anthem is trying to balance the interests of all parties concerned in negotiating a contract that is fair to the provider, our employer clients and Anthem members.

Until or unless this issue is resolved, these radiology groups will be considered out-of-network as of the termination effective dates indicated above. Consequently, Anthem members may be billed by this group for any balance not covered by Anthem. However, since members do not have a choice of radiologists for services performed at these hospitals, Anthem will apply the equivalent of any member liability amounts such as copays, deductibles, etc., at the member's in-network level.

We will continue to attempt to reach an agreement with these providers and advocate on behalf of our customers and the community to ensure access to quality medical care at an affordable price.

Members who have used these facilities within the past twelve months and all employers in the Cincinnati metro area will receive [letters](#) alerting them to the situation.

If you have any questions, please notify your McGohan Brabender Account Team.

Thank you.