
**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR HIGHMARK FREEDOM BLUE
AND COMMUNITY BLUE PARTICIPANTS!!**

UPMC/Highmark Consent Decree ends 6/30/2019

On July 18, 2018, the PA Supreme Court ruled that in-network access to UPMC for Highmark Medicare Advantage subscribers will end on **JUNE 30, 2019**.

This means if you remain on Highmark plans and wish to utilize UPMC doctors or facilities, you may, at minimum, pay out-of-network rates. At most, you may be denied services outright by facilities or providers who are contractually bound to UPMC.

The Conference Board of Pensions (CBOP) is aware of this impending change and we are diligently exploring all options. We plan to offer an alternative Medicare plan to members who wish to use UPMC doctors and facilities in 2019 and remain in-network.

All plan options and plan information will be available prior to open enrollment once the CBOP decisions are approved in August.

Open enrollment for the 2019 benefit year is October 1 through November 30, 2018. You will have time to choose the plan which best fits your healthcare needs and provider preferences during open enrollment.

If you are satisfied with your current Highmark plan, are currently using Highmark/AHN providers or are willing to discontinue use of UPMC doctors, then no change will be necessary and no action will be needed.

We appreciate your patience in this process. We will provide information to you as it becomes available via mailings to your home and posting the information on the Retired Clergy Healthcare page of the conference website at:

www.wpaumc.org/retireehealthcare.

General FAQ's can be located on Highmark's website at:

<https://faqs.discoverhighmark.com/answers/highmark-upmc-medicare/>

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