

Brief Notes

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St. Joseph's Healthcare System terminates from the Horizon Hospital Network

St. Joseph's Healthcare System, which includes St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph's Children Hospital and St. Joseph's Wayne Hospital, has terminated its hospital contracts with Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey. We wish St. Joseph's Healthcare System had not taken this action.

Under state law, the terms of Horizon BCBSNJ's hospital contracts with St. Joseph's Healthcare System are extended for four months through December 31, 2011, and Horizon HMO, Horizon Medicare Blue Value (HMO) and Horizon EPO members may continue to use St. Joseph's Healthcare System's facilities as network hospitals through December 31, 2011 (prior authorization must be obtained when required).

Under the terms of Horizon BCBSNJ's contracts, other Horizon BCBSNJ members may continue to use St. Joseph's Healthcare System's facilities at an in-network level of benefits through December 31, 2011 (prior authorization must be obtained when required) as a period for transition of care. Beginning January 1, 2012, St. Joseph's Healthcare System's facilities will no longer be Horizon BCBSNJ network hospitals for any Horizon BCBSNJ member.

As always, we are focused on ensuring that our members have access to needed care. We are working with our large network of hospitals and physicians to minimize the disruption caused by this action. We are also in the process of sending letters to our affected groups and members with a list of alternative Horizon BCBSNJ network hospitals. You can see a list *here*.

Please see below for answers to questions you may have about this change in our network.

Q1. How do these changes affect my clients' benefits?

A1. Your clients and their employees have the same basic health plan benefits. Horizon HMO, Horizon Medicare Blue Value (HMO) and Horizon EPO members, however, receive nonemergency hospital coverage only when they use hospitals in the Horizon Hospital Network.

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Horizon BCBSNJ is making it easier for our members to find new health care professionals who have joined one of our networks in the last 30 days. Visit www.HorizonBlue.com and click *See who recently joined the network* to learn more.



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Horizon POS, Horizon Direct Access, Horizon PPO, Horizon Medicare Blue Access (HMO-POS) and other Horizon BCBSNJ members pay lower out-of-pocket costs and realize maximum coverage benefits by using our Horizon Hospital Network.

Q2. What should my clients do in a medical emergency?

A2. In case of a medical emergency, your clients should go to the nearest emergency facility without worrying about network affiliations.

Q3. When do these changes take effect?

A3. St. Joseph's Healthcare System terminated its contracts with Horizon BCBSNJ, effective 12:01 a.m., Eastern Time, September 1, 2011.

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We encourage all members to use network hospitals to maximize their benefits and minimize their out-of-pocket costs.

Q4. How can my clients find out about other hospitals in the network?

A4. Your clients have a choice of network hospitals throughout New Jersey and nearby in New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware. They can search for hospitals participating in the Horizon Hospital Network at www.HorizonBlue.com and by using the *Provider Directory* search tool.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause your clients and their employees. Please contact your Horizon BCBSNJ sales representative or account representative, if you have any questions.

HORIZON HOSPITAL NETWORK

(NJ – 60 Hospitals/77 Locations)

(PA – 8 Hospitals/9 Locations)

(DE – 1 Hospital/1 Location)

(NY – 2 Hospitals/2 Locations)

ATLANTIC COUNTY

AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center
(Atlantic City, Pomona,
Hammonton*)
Shore Memorial Hospital

BERGEN COUNTY

Englewood Hospital and Medical
Center
Hackensack University Medical
Center
Holy Name Medical Center
The Valley Hospital

BURLINGTON COUNTY

Deborah Heart & Lung Center
Lourdes Medical Center of
Burlington
Virtua - Memorial Hospital of
Burlington County
Virtua - West Jersey Health System
(Marlton)

CAMDEN COUNTY

Cooper University Hospital
Kennedy Memorial Hospitals -
University Medical Center
(Cherry Hill, Stratford)
Our Lady of Lourdes Medical
Center
Virtua - West Jersey Health System
(Berlin, Camden*, Voorhees)

CAPE MAY COUNTY

Cape Regional Medical Center

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

South Jersey Healthcare Regional
Medical Center
South Jersey Healthcare* -
Bridgeton Hospital

ESSEX COUNTY

St. Michael's Medical Center
St. Michael's Medical Center* -
Columbus Campus
St. Michael's Medical Center* -
St. James Campus
Clara Maass Medical Center
East Orange General Hospital
The Mountainside Hospital
Newark Beth Israel Medical Center
Saint Barnabas Medical Center
UMDNJ - University Hospital

GLOUCESTER COUNTY

Kennedy Memorial Hospitals -
University Medical Center
(Washington Township)
Underwood-Memorial Hospital

HUDSON COUNTY

Christ Hospital
Jersey City Medical Center
Meadowlands Hospital Medical
Center
Hoboken University Medical Center
Clara Maass Medical Center*, West
Hudson Division

HUNTERDON COUNTY

Hunterdon Medical Center

MERCER COUNTY

Capital Health System - Fuld Campus
Capital Health System - Mercer
Campus
University Medical Center at
Princeton
Robert Wood Johnson University
Hospital at Hamilton
Saint Francis Medical Center

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

JFK Medical Center
Raritan Bay Medical Center (Old
Bridge, Perth Amboy)
Robert Wood Johnson University
Hospital
Saint Peter's University Hospital

MONMOUTH COUNTY

Bayshore Community Hospital
CentraState Medical Center
Jersey Shore University Medical
Center
Monmouth Medical Center
Riverview Medical Center

MORRIS COUNTY

Chilton Memorial Hospital
Morristown Memorial Hospital
Saint Clare's Hospital
(Denville, Dover)

OCEAN COUNTY

Community Medical Center
Kimball Medical Center
Ocean Medical Center (Brick, Point
Pleasant*)
Southern Ocean County Hospital

PASSAIC COUNTY

St. Joseph's Hospital & Medical
Center**
St. Joseph's Wayne Hospital**
St. Mary's Hospital

SALEM COUNTY

The Memorial Hospital of Salem
County, Inc.
South Jersey Healthcare - Elmer

SOMERSET COUNTY

Somerset Medical Center

SUSSEX COUNTY

St. Clare's Hospital - Sussex
Newton Memorial Hospital

UNION COUNTY

JFK Medical Center*- Muhlenberg Campus
Overlook Hospital (Summit, Union*)
Trinitas Regional Medical Center

WARREN COUNTY

Hackettstown Regional Medical
Center
Warren Hospital

PHILADELPHIA

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Hahnemann University Hospital
Hospital of the University of
Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Hospital
St. Christopher's Hospital for
Children
Temple University Hospital
Thomas Jefferson University
Hospital (Main Campus and
Methodist Campus)
University of Pennsylvania Medical
Center - Presbyterian

DELAWARE

A.I. duPont Hospital for Children

NEW YORK (ORANGE COUNTY)

Bon Secours Community Hospital
St. Anthony Community Hospital

* No inpatient services/limited
outpatient services available.

** Out of network as of
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