

A MESSAGE TO OUR BLUE CARE NETWORK MEMBERS –

We're working to provide access to quality care without excessive hospital costs

We know you are concerned with how much health care costs and how much more you or your employer are paying for health insurance every year. Hospital costs are a key factor in what you pay for health insurance. Beaumont Hospital wants a double-digit increase in what Blue Cross pays for hospital services, even though it already makes a 15 percent profit margin on Blues patients. Giving in to unreasonable demands by Beaumont only harms our members – by driving up what they or their employers pay for health care and health insurance. We are continuing talks with Beaumont and are hopeful they will result in a mutually satisfactory agreement.

In the midst of our discussions, Beaumont Hospital gave 90-day notice that it would leave the hospital network for Blue Care Network commercial (non-Medicare) plans as of January 12, 2012, unless the Blues agree to a double-digit increase in payments to the hospital. Some important points:

- The Beaumont action would **not** affect physician offices. You can continue to see your Beaumont doctor. And if you need hospital care, many doctors have privileges at non-Beaumont hospitals.
- The Beaumont action does **not** affect BCN Advantage HMO-POSSM or MyBlue MedigapSM plans used by Medicare beneficiaries. It also does **not** affect Blue Cross products like Blue Cross PPO plans.

As a Blue Care Network member, you can go to more than 25 other hospitals, all within 20 miles of the Beaumont hospitals in Royal Oak, Troy and Grosse Pointe. See a list of hospitals below.

We've created a Web page to provide you with updates about the situation. Information can be found at MiBCN.com/blueupdate.



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AREA HOSPITALS LISTED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills
 Children's Hospital of Michigan, Detroit
 Crittenton Hospital Medical Center, Rochester
 Detroit Receiving Hospital and University Health Center
 Doctor's Hospital of Michigan, Pontiac
 Garden City Hospital
 Harper University Hospital and Hutzel Women's Hospital, Detroit
 Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit

Henry Ford Macomb Hospital, Warren Campus
 Henry Ford Macomb Hospital, Clinton Township
 Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital
 Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital
 Huron Valley Sinai Hospital, Commerce Township
 Karmanos Cancer Center, Detroit
 Mount Clemens Regional Medical Center
 Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center, Dearborn
 Oakwood Annapolis Hospital, Wayne
 POH Regional Medical Center, Pontiac

Providence Hospital, Southfield
 Providence Park Hospital, Novi
 Sinai-Grace Hospital, Detroit
 St. John Hospital and Medical Center, Detroit
 St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital – Macomb Center, Warren
 St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital – Oakland Center, Madison Heights
 St. Joseph Mercy Oakland, Pontiac
 St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia

A complete list of hospitals is available at MiBCN.com/find.