UNDERSTANDING PROVIDER ACCESS IN 2016
Your PPO Blue Coverage in 2016

2 LEVELS OF COVERAGE:

IN-NETWORK PROVIDERS
Doctors, hospitals, clinics, labs and other providers who have contracted with us to provide health care services to members and accept your health plan’s reimbursement rates.

OUT OF-NETWORK PROVIDERS
You usually pay more to use “out-of-network” providers. We do not have contracts with them, and they have not agreed to participate in our networks or accept our reimbursement rates.

Savings
 pay more.
Do Highmark and UPMC have a new contract?

No. Most of the contracts between Highmark and UPMC expired on December 31, 2014. But there is a “Consent Decree”—an agreement enforced by the state—that protects in-network access to UPMC providers for people with PPO Blue insurance.

What is the Continuity of Care provision?

If you’re in the middle of a course of treatment with a UPMC doctor for a chronic condition, the Continuity of Care provision lets you continue seeing that doctor on an in-network basis.

What other protections does the Consent Decree offer?

- In-network access to UPMC for cancer patients
- In-network emergency room coverage at UPMC
- Out-of-network billing protection
- In-network access to UPMC for seniors
- In-network access to Pediatric and Behavioral Health providers
PROTECTING ACCESS TO THE CARE YOU NEED

In-Network Access to UPMC for Cancer Care

If you or a family member is receiving cancer care from UPMC now—or if you need cancer care in the future—you have in-network access to UPMC oncologists and facilities. You and your treating physician can decide if UPMC oncology services will provide the care you need.

In-Network Access to:

- UPMC Oncologists
- UPMC Cancer Centers
- Now or in the future
Consent Decree – At a Glance

PROTECTING ACCESS TO THE CARE YOU NEED

Continued Care from UPMC Doctors if You’re in Treatment Now

If you’re in the midst of a course of treatment with any UPMC doctor—no matter what the diagnosis—you can continue to see that doctor. For example, if you have regular appointments to help manage diabetes or another chronic condition, your doctor will be considered in-network.

In-Network Continued Care:

- If you’re in the middle of treatment
- Keep your UPMC doctor
- For ongoing treatment of conditions, such as heart disease, diabetes or arthritis
Access to Emergency Care at UPMC:

If you get taken to any UPMC emergency room, your emergency care will be covered in network. This includes your initial emergency room visit and immediate admission into the hospital if your emergency condition requires it. You and your doctor will determine if and when you should be transferred to another facility to continue in-network coverage.

In-Network Emergency Room Coverage:

- At any UPMC ER
- Includes your initial visit
- Admission into the hospital is covered at the in-network benefit level, if required
In-Network Access for Seniors:

Seniors age 65 or older who are eligible for, or covered by, Medicare, Medicare Advantage, Medigap, Medicaid, or a group PPO plan will have full, in-network access to UMPC providers, regardless of which is primary or secondary coverage.

Seniors Keep In-Network Access to UPMC:

- 65 and older
- Eligible or covered by Medicare, Medicare Advantage, Medigap, and Medicare
- Covered under active group PPO plan
- No matter which is primary or secondary coverage
PROVISIONS THAT PROTECT ACCESS TO THE CARE YOU NEED

Protection against Balance Billing:

If the previous categories don’t apply to you and you still decide to get care from a UPMC doctor, that doctor will be considered out-of-network. You will be reimbursed the out-of-network benefit allowance described in your benefit booklet, minus your share for deductible or coinsurance. UPMC can bill you for the balance, up to 60% of their actual charges.

You may owe:

- Deductible or coinsurance
- A balance to UPMC for out-of-network care
- UPMC can only collect up to 60% of their actual charges in total payments
PROVISIONS THAT PROTECT ACCESS TO THE CARE YOU NEED

Access to UPMC Doctors:

Any doctor who has admitting privileges at any of the UPMC hospitals listed below, or at hospitals within Highmark’s network, will be considered in network in 2016.

- Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
- UPMC Altoona
- UPMC Bedford
- UPMC Hamot and Kane Hospital
- UPMC Horizon
- UPMC Northwest
- Western Psychiatric Institute & Clinic
- Hillman Cancer Center
- UPMC Mercy (through June 30, 2016)
## Consent Decree – At a Glance

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Help from myCare Navigator Service

Help finding a health care provider is just a phone call away

- Get answers to your health care questions
- Available to you, your spouse, dependent children, parents and parents-in-law
- Free of charge
- Call 1-888-BLUE-428
Our myCare Navigator Service

myCare Navigator representatives can help you:

• Find doctors or hospitals
• Locate services such as support for elderly parents or children with special needs
• Schedule, cancel or confirm appointments
• Transfer medical records
• Get answers to questions about your coverage in 2016
• Or call the Member Service number on your ID card
myCare Navigator: Help is just a Phone Call away

myCare Navigator Support Scenario

**Susie Sees a UPMC Specialist**

Susie’s in the midst of a course of treatment. She calls myCare Navigator to find out if she needs to change doctors.

- Explains that Susie is covered by the Continuity of Care provision
- Informs she can keep her UPMC specialist in 2016
- Offers to help find alternative providers if Susie is interested now
- Connects to Blues on CallSM nurse to answer Susie’s clinical questions
“In 2013, I was treated at UPMC for breast cancer. This year, I’m under the care of a non-UPMC oncologist. There’s no sign of cancer, but what happens if it comes back in 2016?”

If you have a recurrence and want to go back to UPMC for treatment, consult with your doctor. If he or she recommends a UPMC provider, care would be provided at in-network rates as long as you have PPO Blue coverage.

“What if I have an accident and get flown to a UPMC emergency department?”

Members with PPO Blue will be covered at in-network rates for care received at any UPMC emergency room.

“I have multiple sclerosis. Do I have to switch doctors?”

No. All PPO Blue members in a continuing course of treatment with a UPMC provider—no matter what the diagnosis—can continue to receive care on an in-network basis at the in-network benefit level.
2 Easy Ways to Get Help Finding Doctors

myCare Navigator
• Call 1-888-BLUE-428
• Or call the Member Service ID Number on your Highmark ID card

DiscoverHighmark.com/ConsentCP
• Search by specialty, doctor or practice name, or address
• Find out about the consent decree
Highmark PPO Blue Coverage

CONTINUED ACCESS TO QUALITY CARE

More than 7,600 primary care physicians and specialists
A vast network of patient-focused care providers in Western PA and beyond

More than 50 community and specialty hospitals, including the Allegheny Health Network, with expertise in:

- Cancer Care
- Cardiology and Cardiovascular
- Pediatrics
- Behavioral Health Care
- Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation
- Women’s Care
- Emergency and Burn Care
- Transplant Surgery
- Neuroscience

Access to nearly 720,000 health care providers in the local Blue Cross Blue Shield networks nationwide

The vast PPO Blue network can address any health care need you may have, conveniently, expertly and compassionately