



This update is sent periodically to keep you informed of employee benefit plan issues that may impact your organization.



Below is the text of an Anthem notice sent to employers regarding “The Health Alliance of Greater Cincinnati Network Disruption.” It is important to share this information with your employees. However, often times an agreement is reached prior to the Network Termination Date.

The Health Alliance of Greater Cincinnati Network Disruption

The Health Alliance of Greater Cincinnati's facility network contract with Anthem will expire on April 1, 2010. And The Health Alliance has chosen to cancel their physician and ancillary network contracts effective April 1. We continue to negotiate with The Health Alliance in hopes of reaching an agreement by March 31. If a new agreement isn't reached, the following facilities and physicians will not be part of Anthem's provider networks, leaving Anthem members to pay higher out-of-pockets costs - or if their group's benefit plan does not provide out-of-network benefits, the entire cost of services received - beginning April 1:

- The University Hospital
- West Chester Medical Center
- University Pointe Surgical Hospital
- The Drake Center
- The Jewish Hospital (*pending sale to Mercy scheduled to close on 3/1/10*)
- Alliance Primary Care
- Kenwood Medical Imaging
- The Fort Hamilton Hospital (*NOTE: Several media outlets are reporting that The Fort Hamilton Hospital may be pursuing an affiliation with the Kettering Health Network.*)
- Transplant Centers of Excellence: University Hospital - adult liver, kidney and simultaneous pancreas/kidney

Members who have used Health Alliance facilities or providers within the past twelve months and all employers in the Cincinnati metro area will receive letters by March 1 alerting them to the situation.

Even without The Health Alliance, Anthem still has an extensive network of hospitals and physicians in Greater Cincinnati, [click here for details](#).

We will continue to keep you updated as information is received.

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