

"Patients First" Summary

The recently announced "Patients First" agreement includes the following points:

- These UPMC hospitals will continue to be in-network:

UPMC Facility	Contract expires:
Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC	6/30/2022
UPMC Altoona	12/31/2019
UPMC Bedford	12/31/2019
UPMC Hamot and its affiliate Kane Community Hospital	12/31/2019
UPMC Horizon	12/31/2019
UPMC Northwest	12/31/2019
Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic	12/31/2019
Hillman Cancer Center	12/31/2019
UPMC Mercy	6/30/2016

- The following UPMC hospitals will be out-of-network effective January 1, 2015:
 - Magee Women's Hospital of UPMC
 - UPMC East
 - UPMC McKeesport
 - UPMC St. Margaret
 - UPMC Passavant
 - UPMC Presbyterian-Shadyside
- ER Access: Highmark members who seek care at any UPMC emergency room will be covered at in-network rates. This care includes not only the emergency room visit, but also any inpatient admissions and continuity of care.
- Cancer Coverage: Highmark members have in-network access to all UPMC services, facilities, doctors and joint ventures for oncology care and for any illnesses/complications resulting from complications of cancer treatment, including, but not limited to, endocrinology, orthopedics and cardiology.
- Continuation of Care: All 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 in-network rates.
- Seniors: All seniors – in any existing Highmark plan – have access to UPMC providers on an in-network basis. This includes Medicare Advantage plans, Medigap Blue, Signature 65 and other group "carve out" plans.
- Safety Net: Any existing UPMC patient who is a Highmark member and who received in-network care from UPMC in 2014, can continue to receive care from that same provider in 2015, if those members are unable to find an alternative physician in their area.
- Physicians: In-network access to all UPMC- owned physicians located outside the five-county Greater Pittsburgh area. In-network access to all UPMC-owned physicians when they are practicing at any of the UPMC exception hospitals or practicing at the community hospitals; all UPMC-owned oncology providers; all UPMC pediatricians; all UPMC behavioral health providers and many more UPMC-owned physicians.

