Most UPMC hospitals and other facilities in western Pennsylvania will be out-of-network for patients with Highmark commercial insurance after June 30, 2019.

Below are answers to frequently asked questions about how your health care will be impacted.

Q: Will UPMC Hamot be out-of-network after June 30, 2019?
A: Yes, UPMC Hamot will be out-of-network for Highmark commercial members after June 30, 2019.

Q: Will UPMC doctors be out-of-network after June 30, 2019?
A: Yes, most UPMC doctors in Erie will be out-of-network for Highmark commercial members after June 30, 2019. Additionally, if you would like to see a UPMC doctor at, or near, another UPMC hospital or facility that will be out-of-network after June 30, 2019, you can expect that doctor to be out-of-network for you as well.

Q: Will any UPMC specialty services be in-network for Highmark commercial members in western Pa. after June 30, 2019?
A: Yes, in addition to Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC and Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic of UPMC, a very limited number of UPMC specialty services will be in-network for Highmark commercial members in western Pennsylvania after June 30, 2019.

Q: Will I have access to UPMC Hillman Cancer Center after June 30, 2019?
A: No, Highmark commercial members will not have in-network access to UPMC Hillman Cancer Center services at UPMC Hamot, including clinical trials, after June 30, 2019.

Q: How do I know if I have commercial insurance?
A: Commercial health insurance policies often are provided as part of a group plan, such as through an employer or union. They also can be purchased individually in the Health Insurance Marketplace. If you are under age 65 and have health insurance through your job or your spouse’s job, it is probably a commercial plan. If you are unsure, ask your plan administrator for information.

Q: How can I ensure in-network access to UPMC doctors and hospitals?
A: If you wish to continue to have in-network access to the UPMC doctors and hospitals you trust, including UPMC Hamot, evaluate your health insurance options and choose a plan with full in-network access. There are many national insurance carriers, as well as UPMC Health Plan, that provide this coverage.

For more information, visit UPMC.com/AccessHamot.

For questions, or to learn more about in-network access to UPMC hospitals and doctors, please call our help line at 1-855-746-8762.