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2018 is the last full calendar year that Highmark Security Blue or Freedom Blue Medicare Advantage members will have full, in-network access to UPMC doctors and hospitals in the greater Pittsburgh and Erie areas. Below are answers to frequently asked questions about how your health care will be impacted.

Q: How can I tell whether my Medicare coverage will be affected?

A: First, determine what type of Medicare plan you have by checking your insurance card or referring to printed or online materials that explain your coverage. If you're uncertain, call the phone number on the back of your insurance card.

Q: If I have a Highmark Medicare Advantage plan, will I have in-network access to UPMC hospitals in the greater Pittsburgh and Erie areas after June 30, 2019?

A: After June 30, 2019, most UPMC hospitals in greater Pittsburgh and Erie will be out-of-network for Highmark Medicare Advantage members (refer to the chart on the right).

Q: Will I have access to UPMC Hillman Cancer Center at UPMC Shadyside after June 30, 2019?

A: No, Highmark Medicare Advantage members will not have in-network access to UPMC Hillman Cancer Center at UPMC Shadyside, including clinical trials, after June 30, 2019.

Q: If I have original Medicare, do I have access to UPMC doctors and hospitals?

A: Original Medicare (sometimes called traditional Medicare) is administered by the government. If you have this type of coverage, your care is covered by any provider or at any health care facility that accepts Medicare. All UPMC providers and facilities accept original Medicare and will continue to do so after June 30, 2019. UPMC also will continue to accept original Medicare with a Medigap plan, including current Highmark Medigap plans.

Q: How can I ensure in-network access to UPMC doctors and hospitals?

A: If you wish to have in-network access to UPMC doctors and hospitals, evaluate your health insurance options during the Annual Election Period and choose a Medicare Advantage plan with full in-network access. There are many insurance carriers that offer this coverage.

UPMC Access for Patients with Highmark Medicare Advantage plans after June 30, 2019

Note: Community Blue Medicare HMO/PPO plans are already out-of-network.

Greater Pittsburgh and Erie Area Hospitals (after 6/30/19)	In-Network	Out-of-Network
UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh	✓	
UPMC East		✗
UPMC Hamot		✗
UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital		✗
UPMC McKeesport		✗
UPMC Mercy		✗
UPMC Montefiore		✗
UPMC Passavant (McCandless and Cranberry)		✗
UPMC Presbyterian		✗
UPMC St. Margaret		✗
UPMC Shadyside		✗
UPMC Hillman Cancer Center at UPMC Shadyside		✗
UPMC Western Psychiatric Hospital	✓	

For more information, visit UPMC.com/Choice2019MA.

For questions, or to learn more about in-network access to UPMC hospitals and doctors, please call our help line at 1-855-946-8762.

