



This week the Pennsylvania Attorney General announced that he has brokered a relationship between Highmark and UPMC. The organizations agreed to a 10-year contract offering full in-network access to Highmark members in certain health products that include UPMC in Pittsburgh and Erie.

We are firmly committed to our strategy of offering high performing networks. This news fulfills the promise to our community that we at Highmark Health have strived to achieve for the last five years: Choice in health care.

In WPA, all Highmark members in broad access products like PPO Blue and Blue Card will have full in-network access to all UPMC facilities and doctors.

It's important to remember that five years ago Highmark took bold steps to preserve health care choice in this region by investing more than \$2 billion in the exceptional care and services provided by AHN in the Pittsburgh and Erie regions, including a nationally recognized cardiac team that boasts the #1 heart transplant program in the state and a top 10 program in the country; a cancer institute that collaborates with the world renowned Johns Hopkins cancer center to offer leading-edge innovation and cancer treatment capabilities; and a women's health program that is setting new standards for the treatment of women with post-partum depression, among many other examples.

We are following a clear path to provide more health care choices in the community and to build a more effective and affordable community-based health care network in partnership with community hospitals and independent health care providers. Many of the major new facility investments that we have announced over the past 18 months will become operational this year, or shortly thereafter. And we continue to explore ways in which we can further enhance the quality and availability of our services in the community.

We thank you for your partnership!