



PROVIDER ALERT

CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield (Care First) reaches agreement to acquire University of Maryland Health Partners (Medicaid MCO)

CareFirst will assume operations of University of Maryland Health Partners after regulatory review and approval is complete. There will be no immediate changes to the provider network. Throughout the transition, CareFirst will be communicating with network providers to provide further guidance and understanding of any process changes.

UMHP members should be assured that this change will not impact their current access to contracted providers, coverage, or health care received.

Prior to this acquisition, UMMS has been operating two government programs, a Medicaid MCO plan, University of Maryland Health Partners (UMHP) and a Medicare Advantage plan, University of Maryland Health Advantage (UMHA). While the Medicaid MCO plan will be transitioned to CareFirst, please understand, **UMHA (the Medicare Advantage plan) will continue to operate under UMMS.**

UMHA currently serves 5,600 Maryland Medicare beneficiaries who are enrolled in both Medicare and Medicaid. As mentioned, UMMS will continue operating its Medicare Advantage plan (UMHA) upon the closing of the transaction with CareFirst. UMHA members will not be affected by this transition and will continue to receive quality care through the plan's network and all-inclusive benefits.

For provider services, please continue to contact the health plans in the following ways:
University of Maryland Health Advantage (Medicare D-SNP) - www.ummedicareadvantage.org
University of Maryland Health Partners (Maryland Medicaid) - www.umhealthpartners.com
UMMSHP Provider line at 410-779-9359, 800-730-8543, or providers@ummshealthplans.com

Thank you for being a valued provider