

For brokers and producers only

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## Johns Hopkins Medicine Ends Participation in all CareFirst Networks Effective December 5, 2022

CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield has been actively engaged in contract negotiations with Johns Hopkins; however, on September 6, 2022, Johns Hopkins issued a notice to CareFirst terminating our existing network contracts. This termination notice will not immediately impact CareFirst members' access to healthcare services provided by Johns Hopkins, as it will take effect December 5, 2022.

CareFirst is committed to providing a broad network of providers to meet the needs of our members and their families. At the same time, we have an obligation to be responsible stewards of our members' healthcare dollars. We regularly examine our reimbursement arrangements with an eye to providing access and setting compensation that is fair and reasonable.

As we continue to discuss how best to improve access, affordability, quality, and equity in healthcare together, our shared commitment to community and long-standing history of collaboration gives us hope that our partnership will continue.

### What Members Can Expect

- All CareFirst members who have received care from a Johns Hopkins provider in the last 12 months will receive a letter from CareFirst with information about alternate locations to seek care.
- Members with scheduled physician visits or procedures through December 4, 2022, do not need to make any alternative care arrangements.
- Individuals who are receiving care for pregnancy, undergoing treatment for serious and complex conditions, undergoing a course of inpatient care, or scheduled to undergo non-elective surgery or receive post-operative care, or terminally ill care may be accommodated for up to 90 days after the termination date under federally mandated continuity of care requirements.

Members may also visit [carefirst.com/doctor](https://carefirst.com/doctor) to find an up-to-date list of providers who participate in a CareFirst network, or select a new provider online through *My Account* at [carefirst.com/myaccount](https://carefirst.com/myaccount).

### For more information

We recognize that these decisions impact our members' healthcare experience and that may result in immediate questions or a desire to seek alternative care arrangements. If you have any questions, please contact your broker sales representative.