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Update on Highmark's Provider Agreements with Jefferson Health and Lehigh Valley Health Network

Highmark's current professional practice, ancillary, and facility agreements with both Jefferson Health and Lehigh Valley Health Network – part of Jefferson Health (LVHN) are ending on December 31, 2026, for Commercial, ACA, Federal Employee Program (FEP), CHIP, and Medicare Advantage (MA) members. D-SNP and Medicaid members are not impacted.

Additionally, Highmark members would lose access to Rothman Orthopedic Specialty Hospital (this hospital only) and New Jersey-based Kennedy University Hospital due to the way our contracts are structured.

While both contracts are set to expire on December 31, 2026, there is a critical distinction in the transition timelines and run-out provisions:

- **Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN):** The LVHN contract includes a 3-month run-out provision (hospitals only). This means LVHN hospital facilities will remain in-network for our members through March 31, 2027, with an out-of-network effective date of April 1, 2027. LVHN practices do not have a 3-month run-out provision and will be out-of-network effective January 1, 2027.
- **Jefferson Health:** The Jefferson Health contract does not include any run-out provision. All Jefferson facilities, ancillary providers, and professional services will be out-of-network effective January 1, 2027.

Highmark remains committed to reaching a fair agreement with Jefferson Health and LVHN. Our responsibility is to balance fair reimbursement for providers with affordable healthcare coverage for the employers, families, seniors, and communities we serve. We continue to negotiate in good faith and are focused on protecting both access to care and affordability for our members.



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