

## Stanford Termination of Contract with Anthem Blue Cross

TCSIG was notified that Anthem Blue Cross has been negotiating their preferred provider (PPO) contract with Stanford and Lucile Salter Packard for several months. On September 1, 2011, the contract expired without a positive conclusion. Discussions are ongoing.

The negotiations include Stanford University Hospital, Lucile Salter Packard Children's Hospital and the contract for each facility's affiliated physicians.

Anthem remains hopeful that they will reach a final agreement. Meanwhile Anthem is working to extend the current agreement.

The following is a list of alternate participating general acute care hospitals within a 30-minute driving distance from Stanford:

- Children's Hospital Oakland, 747 52nd St., Oakland, CA 94609
- El Camino Hospital, 2500 Grant Road, Mountain View, CA 94040
- Good Samaritan Hospital, 2425 Samaritan Dr., San Jose, CA 95124
- Menlo Park Surgical Hospital, 570 Willow Rd., Menlo Park, CA 94025
- Mills Hospital, 100 S. San Mateo Dr., San Mateo, CA 94401
- O'Connor Hospital, 2105 Forest Ave., San Jose, CA 95128
- Peninsula Hospital & Medical Center, 1501 Trousdale Dr., Burlingame, CA 94010
- San Mateo County General Hospital, 222 W. 39th Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403
- Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, 751 S. Bascom Ave., San Jose, CA 95128
- Sequoia Health Services, 170 Alameda De Las Pulgas, Redwood City, CA 94062
- UCSF Medical Center, 505 Parnassus Ave., San Francisco, CA 94143
- Washington Hospital, 2000 Mowry Ave, Fremont, CA 94538

### Care at Stanford Hospitals Following Termination:

If a member is in-patient at 11:59 PM on August 31, 2011, the member will continue to receive uninterrupted care at the Stanford facility until he or she is discharged. In addition, the member's in-network benefit levels will apply for the in-patient stay. It is unclear at this time if Stanford has agreed to accept as full reimbursement the in-network reimbursement schedule for in-network benefits. Further guidance will be provided as soon as information becomes available.

Anthem will provide continuity-of-care pursuant to California law and any post termination continuity of care provisions agreed upon between Anthem and Stanford Hospitals.

Continuity-of-care/completion-of-covered-services will be considered by Anthem's Transition Assistance Department if an Anthem member has one of the following conditions:

- Members in an active course of treatment for an acute medical or behavioral health condition
- Members in an active course of treatment for a serious chronic condition
- Members who are pregnant, regardless of trimester
- Members with a terminal illness
- Members who are newborn children between the ages of birth and 36 months
- Members with a surgery or other procedure that was authorized by Anthem or a delegated provider (HMO medical group) prior to the termination date and scheduled to occur within 180 days after September 1, 2011.

When a case is approved for continuity-of-care/completion-of-covered-services through Anthem's Transition Assistance Department or a delegated medical group, the approval is noted on our claims processing system and the claim is processed at in-network benefit levels.