

TBT Notice to Anthem Blue Cross PPO Participants, Dependents and COBRA participants effective July 15, 2021

Anthem Blue Cross has informed the Teamsters Benefit Trust that its negotiations with **Dignity Health Services** have ended without an agreement and, as of **July 15, 2021**, claims incurred with a Dignity Health Services hospital, doctor or other provider are no longer considered PPO claims under the Anthem Blue Cross PPO network. This means that claims incurred with a Dignity Health Services hospital, doctor, lab, clinic or other provider on or after **July 15, 2021**, will no longer be considered in-network claims under the Anthem Blue Cross PPO network.

Note: Emergency medical treatment received at non-PPO hospitals will be covered at the same level as emergency medical treatment received at PPO hospitals.

Anthem Blue Cross physicians who admit to Dignity Health hospitals have been notified of this development and will be asked to arrange for admission of members to PPO hospitals. To check the participating status of Anthem Blue Cross facilities, please consult the Blue Cross website at anthem.com/ca. A partial list of alternate, contracted facilities is available on the TBT website at www.tbtfund.org; or you may call the TBT Plan Administration office at **(800) 533-0119** and ask for the list.

If you are pregnant, currently undergoing a course of treatment, or if you have a current authorization for health care services, you may be eligible for transition assistance to ensure continuity of care. If you are in this position, please submit the application form called “Continuity of Care” to transition.assist@anthem.com OR fax it to the numbers provided on the form. Please submit the Continuity of Care form first; and then call the Anthem Blue Cross Transition Assistance team at **(888) 486-4227** to check the application status.

Your enrollment in your TBT Blue Cross PPO plan remains the same and is not otherwise affected by this change in any way. If you receive a bill from Dignity Health Services for services rendered after **July 15, 2021**, contact the Anthem Blue Cross Transition Assistance team at **(888) 486-4227** so the bill may be handled appropriately.

Please be assured that your health care coverage will not be interrupted, and that this termination will not result in a change to your covered benefits.

If you have questions about this notice, please call the TBT Plan Administration office at **(800) 533-0119** and ask for the PPO Customer Service Unit.