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IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ

AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE ACT

Health Insurance Exchange Open Enrollment Information 2017

Thank you for choosing Northwestern Specialists For Women for your healthcare needs. As one of the leading healthcare practices serving greater Chicago, we are committed to providing you with the best possible care.

As the Fall Open Enrollment period for the Affordable Healthcare Act approaches, we would like to provide you with the 2017 marketplace plan year updates. Our insurance network participation is based on the Northwestern Healthcare Corporation, which dictates our In-network involvement.

- Open enrollment begins November 1, 2016 and ends December 31, 2016.
- **Aetna/Coventry, United and Land of Lincoln** are exiting the health insurance marketplace.
- **Harken Health** (an affiliate of United HealthCare) Individual Plans will be moving from a broad network to a narrow network that **excludes** all Northwestern Memorial facilities and providers.

Harken Health for Individual Exchange Policies will no longer be an option for patients who want to access Northwestern Medicine effective January 1, 2017.

- Harken Health Small Group Plans will be able to continue to access Northwestern Medicine via the United Choice Plus Network.
- For the soon to exit Land of Lincoln plan, they and the state have agreed that they will honor the claims obligations for members with services that occurred through September 30, 2016.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME?

- Due to the changes implemented by these insurance companies, Northwestern Memorial Hospital will not be available to individuals who are required to purchase their health care on the ACA exchange.
- For plan year 2017 many insurance companies have pulled their products off of the ACA exchange or modified them to be narrower networks. Payers have not invited Northwestern providers to participate in these tighter networks.



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- The Northwestern Specialists For Women is not alone in this issue; most of the academic medical centers in the Chicago market, as well as nationwide, have been excluded from the ACA exchange.

HOW CAN I CONTINUE TO RECEIVE CARE THROUGH THE NORTHWESTERN SPECIALISTS FOR WOMEN, LLC?

- To remain with our practice and continue to receive care with our physicians, we will provide a self-pay option. We can offer you a 20% discount for all in-office services.
- Please understand any hospital services or admissions would incur expenses that would be considered your responsibility and not covered by your insurance. Our providers, at this time, are only privileged for services at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.
- Again, we value the trust you have placed in us as your healthcare providers. There are many changes going on in the healthcare marketplace over which we have no control. We hope to work with you to ensure the best health care you need.

WHERE CAN I GO FOR ASSISTANCE OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Get Covered Illinois

For assistance navigating the Illinois Health Insurance Marketplace website, visit getcovered.Illinois.gov or call 866-311-1119.

Northwestern Specialists for Women

For any additional questions contact us between 8:30 am and 5pm Monday through Thursday and 8:30 am to 4 pm Friday at 312-775-1100.

Thank you again for choosing The Northwestern Specialists for Women, LLC as your preferred healthcare providers.