

Hello,

As a follow up to my email communication on February 20th, we have important information regarding changes effective July 1, 2025. **All Advocate Medical Groups will be leaving the HMO Illinois network.** We want to assure you that we have negotiated a solution to allow our HMO members to choose a comparable plan that will ensure continuity of service, the details are later in this memo.

If you're enrolled with any of the medical groups listed below, you'll need to take action. BCBSIL has begun sending out communications if you're affected (you can see your specific medical group on the front of your BCBS ID card).

Affected Medical Groups:

- Advocate Health Hospitals Corp (99)
- Advocate Lutheran Gen Phys Partners (124)
- Advocate Good Samaritan Phys Partner (294)
- Advocate Christ Hosp Physician (302)
- Advocate Good Shepherd Phys Partners (331)
- Advocate Ill Masonic Phys Partner (357)
- Advocate Medical Group (398)
- Advocate Condell Phys Partners (464)
- Advocate Sherman Phys Partners (474)

This change is beyond the district's control. However, to help you retain access to Advocate Medical Groups, the district will introduce a Blue Advantage HMO plan which will allow you to keep your current providers as of July 1, 2025.

Blue Advantage HMO Plan Highlights:

- Functions like the current HMO IL plan, requiring referrals.
- Copays for medical and prescriptions will match the current HMO Illinois plan.
- All Advocate Medical Groups will remain in-network.
- The per paycheck premium deductions are slightly lower than our current HMO Illinois plan.

During this special enrollment opportunity, if you or your dependents are affected, you must choose one of the following options. All special enrollment changes will take effect July 1, 2025. We are opening up the special enrollment opportunity to all HMO participants, regardless of your current medical group selection.

Options:

1. Switch to the Blue Advantage HMO Plan:

- ✓ Keep your current Advocate medical group.
- ✓ A new Blue Advantage HMO ID card will be issued.
- ✓ Disregard the letter from BCBSIL instructing you to select a new medical group (**No ACTION Required after you complete your enrollment in Benefitsolver**).

2. Stay with the HMO Illinois Plan:

- ✓ Select a new medical group by May 31, 2025.
- ✓ If you do not take action, BCBSIL will assign a medical group based on your zip code effective July 1, 2025.
- ✓ Update your group by calling BCBS Customer Service at 800.892.2803 or logging into your Blue Access for Members account. [BCBS Login](#)

3. Opt-Out of District Coverage:

- ✓ Waive coverage.
- ✓ Enroll in a non-district plan, such as through a spouse or the Marketplace.

Please review your options and prepare for the special enrollment opportunity. We anticipate enrollment taking place mid-to-late April 2025 for a July 1, 2025 effective date. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out.