



P.O. Box 70000
Van Nuys, CA 91470

July 1, 2019

Medical Group Name
Attn: Medical Group Administrator
Address
City, State Zip

RE: El Camino Hospital /Alternate Hospital Privileges

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is to inform you that **El Camino Hospital** issued a notice to terminate its *Contracting Hospital Agreement* with Anthem Blue Cross. If Anthem Blue Cross and El Camino Hospital are unable to reach an agreement, the contract will terminate effective **July 31, 2019**. Anthem Blue Cross is working to negotiate a fair, sustainable agreement with the hospital in order to avoid the termination.

Although these negotiations are ongoing, I am notifying you now to give your physicians as much time as possible to contact one or more of the alternate hospitals in their area to obtain alternate admitting privileges if necessary. This will enable your physicians to ensure any necessary transition is as smooth and seamless as possible for all parties, should the contract terminate. Your *Medical Services Agreement* requires your physicians to admit Anthem Blue Cross members to a participating facility in the Anthem Blue Cross provider network. This guarantees that Anthem members are able to receive the maximum possible plan benefits.

For your reference, the following is a *partial* list of alternate participating hospitals in the El Camino Hospital service area. Please ensure that your physicians have admitting privileges at one of the alternate hospitals listed below or another Anthem Blue Cross contracted hospital; or other arrangements are made such as the use of a hospitalist program before July 31, 2019. **Note, the alternate hospitals may not be participating in all Anthem networks. Anthem members will be advised to verify with both their provider and the Anthem Blue Cross website at www.anthem.com/ca that the alternate hospital is participating in their benefit plan's network.**

- Good Samaritan Hospital, 2425 Samaritan Drive, San Jose, CA 95124
- Lucile Salter Packard Children's Hospital, 725 Welch Road, Palo Alto, CA 94304
- Menlo Park Surgical Hospital, 570 Willow Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025
- O'Connor Hospital, 2105 Forest Avenue, San Jose, CA 95128
- Regional Medical Center of San Jose, 225 N. Jackson Avenue, San Jose, CA 95116
- Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, 751 S. Bascom Avenue, San Jose, CA 95128
- Sequoia Hospital, 170 Alameda De Las Pulgas, Redwood City, CA 94062
- St. Rose Hospital, 27200 Calaroga Avenue, Hayward, CA 94545
- Stanford Health Care, 300 Pasteur Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94305
- Washington Hospital Fremont, 2000 Mowry Avenue, Fremont, CA 94538

For a complete list of all Anthem Blue Cross contracted facilities, please reference our website at **www.anthem.com/ca**.

In the event El Camino Hospital's contract does terminate, continuity of care/completion of covered services may be available to Anthem Blue Cross members who have pre-authorized surgeries or other procedures that were scheduled before the termination date and are scheduled to occur at El Camino Hospital within 180 days after the hospital's contract terminates.



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Additionally, members in a current course of treatment at El Camino Hospital as of the contract termination date, for one of the following listed conditions, may be eligible to receive continuity of care/completion of covered services:

- An acute condition
- Serious chronic condition
- Pregnancy
- Terminal illness
- Care of a child (age 0-36 months)

Your support during this time is appreciated. If you have questions or need additional information on how we can help your physicians with this transition process, please send an e-mail to **CAcontractsupport@anthem.com**.

Sincerely,

John Yao, MD, MPH, MBA, MPP, CPC, FACP
Chief Medical Officer | RVP