



## Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) Agreements

The Pacific Health Coalition (the PHC or the Coalition) works to provide high quality care at a lower cost for its members by negotiating preferred provider contracts with area hospitals, provider groups and provider networks. To ensure the best rates, the PHC also provides a variety of programs for its members including near-site health clinics, health fairs and physical therapy services, among others.

### Aetna Network

Aetna offers broad access to an extensive and growing provider network and delivers significant discounts. By contracting with Aetna through the Coalition, a member plan may:

- Maintain their current third-party administrator, while still utilizing the Aetna network,
- Benefit from cost containment through claim edits and utilization programs,
- Add optional programs, such as Teladoc, at low cost,
- Have access to Aetna Navigator, which is a robust, interactive online tool that helps find quality, cost effective providers for member plan participants.

Member plans pay a monthly administration fee to Aetna and a per employee per month access fee to the PHC to use the Aetna network.

### PPO Hospitals

The Coalition has negotiated aggressive discounts for inpatient and outpatient services at:

- Alaska Regional Hospital (ARH),
- Surgery Center of Anchorage,
- Geneva Woods Birth Center
- Mat-Su Regional Medical Center.

Member plans may contract with one or more of these facilities. The annual price escalator for these contracts is fixed, which means that the net price of services will remain controlled despite retail price increases. Member plans pay an access fee to the PHC based on utilization of these contracts.

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## **Other Service Providers**

The PHC has negotiated a variety of other contracts with providers to take advantage of discount opportunities. These include:

- Physical therapy
  - Chugach Physical Therapy
  - Alaska Hand Rehabilitation
  - Ascension Physical Therapy
- Specialist services
  - Alaska Medical Alliance/Alaska Fracture & Orthopedic Clinic for orthopedic services
  - Alaska Center for Ear Nose & Throat (ACENT)
  - Pathology Associates
  - Denali Emergency Medical Associates
- Primary Care
  - Coalition Health Center
  - Medical Park Family Care
- Air Ambulance
  - Guardian Flight
  - Alaska Regional Life Flight

Member plans may implement one or all of these discount arrangements. Member plans pay an access fee to the PHC based on utilization of these contracts.

## **Learn More**

To learn more about benefiting from the Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) agreements, contact Fred Brown at (888) 474-4226 (toll-free), (907) 474-4226 or visit [phcoalition.org](http://phcoalition.org).