

Important Information for Yavapai College employees enrolled in the YCT Health Plans

SUMMARY

Ongoing contract negotiations between Yavapai Regional Medical Center and Blue Cross Blue Shield of AZ were not successful, and, unfortunately, as of February 8, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., YRMC is no longer considered part of the BCBSAZ network.

Although the hospital will no longer be in-network, the Yavapai Regional Medical Group (YRMG) outpatient clinic services will remain in-network.

RESOURCES

Contact **Summit Administrators at 1-888-690-2020** for assistance in finding an in-network provider or service, or to verify how your services will be covered. You can also review a list of current in-network providers at: [azblue.com/yavapaiproviders](https://www.azblue.com/yavapaiproviders).

Summit provided the following additional information to assist in navigating .

1. If you had services before February 8th, or are in the middle of a service, you will not be charged for out-of-network services. If, for example, you or a family member are in the hospital when the contract ended, these claims will be paid at the in-network level.
2. Under the No Surprises Act, there is a 90-day transition period for patients undergoing continuing care where the plan must pay in-network benefits. This might include a situation where employees in physical therapy or with follow-up visits after a surgery/procedure can continue their appointments.
3. Along with assisting employees in finding alternate In-Network options for upcoming services, Summit is ready to work with employees' physicians to make alternate arrangements and explore other options if necessary. For example, a couple of outpatient surgery centers close by - Prescott OP Surgical & Tri City Surgery Center - already offer savings over using the hospital.

Additional Information

Dr. Anthony Torres, MD, President and CEO at Dignity Health Yavapai Regional Medical Center released a statement last night, included [here](#) for your reference.

BCBSAZ also released a statement, which is posted on their website at [Update: Yavapai Regional Medical Center \(azblue.com\)](#).

Should you have specific questions about how this may impact you, the following resources are available:

www.yrmc.org/bcbsaz

www.azbluefacts.com/Yavapai

Summit Administrative Services (YCT Claims Administrator): 1-888-690-2020

We will continue to keep you updated as we find alternate solutions for our employees.