

# **HEALTH BENEFITS E-NEWS**

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## ***Lynchburg Area Network Update***

COVA Care and COVA HDHP use Anthem's statewide PPO network for the highest level of in-network benefits. Out-of-network coverage is an optional buy-up for additional premium. Prior to July 1, COVA Care and COVA HDHP plans used Anthem's PAR network for Lynchburg only. This was a network exception that allowed all members to see PAR providers with no penalty. With the new plan year, the network for Lynchburg changed from PAR to PPO because most PAR providers were also in Anthem's PPO network.

The Commonwealth has reconsidered the Lynchburg change and as a result, COVA Care and COVA HDHP plans will treat Lynchburg area PAR network providers, including the Orthopaedic Center of Central Virginia (OCCV), as in-network retroactive to July 1.

If employees received treatment at an Anthem Lynchburg area PAR network provider between July 1 and today, they may receive an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) showing a denial of coverage for services. They should disregard that EOB, and will receive an updated EOB in the near future.

There continue to be changes regarding Lynchburg area networks, and we will keep you posted as developments occur.