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To All Insurance Fund Participants,

It has come to our attention that Tenet Hospitals and United Health Care (UHC) are in negotiations over the network contract that expires on August 1, 2014. While we are hopeful that negotiations will be successful, we must inform you that if they are not, several local hospitals (see list below) will no longer be in network. Therefore, stays at these facilities may cost you and the Fund significantly more money.

If you have a scheduled procedure or stay at a Tenet facility, we encourage you to pay close attention to these negotiations as it could affect your out of pocket expenses.

Failed contract negotiations between Tenet and UHC will affect all Tenant facilities across the country and providers that are under their umbrella.

We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed. Tenet facilities account for almost half of the hospitals in PBC and neighboring counties. Please be extra vigilant as you seek medical care after August 1st if contract negotiations should fail.

Thank you,

Michael Sedgwick Administrative Manager

Tenet Hospitals in Palm Beach County

Delray Medical Center West Boca Medical Center Good Samaritan Medical Center St. Mary's Medical Center Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center

Other Local Hospitals in Tenet System

Florida Medical Center Coral Gables Hospital Palmetto General Hospital Hialeah Hospital North Shore Medical Center