

FIRST CHOICE HEALTH

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PROVIDER BULLETIN

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Subject: Notification of MultiPlan, Inc. Termination
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First Choice Health PPO Network (FCHN) and MultiPlan, Inc. have agreed to terminate our contractual relationship effective December 31, 2005. With the recent acquisition of BCE Emergis and its subsidiaries, MultiPlan has a stated goal to build its own independent provider network in the Pacific Northwest. First Choice has agreed to work with MultiPlan during the balance of 2005 to effect an orderly transition. Both parties will operate under a Letter of Agreement, which includes the following terms:

During the development of the MultiPlan network, First Choice has given approval that MultiPlan may engage in direct contracting with First Choice providers in Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Alaska. MultiPlan will be targeting non-FCHN contracted providers in these states as well. During this time, MultiPlan clients will continue to have access to First Choice contracted providers that do not have a direct MultiPlan contract until December 31, 2005.

Specifically, beginning June 1, 2005, MultiPlan will initiate the development of their own contracted network using two strategies:

- For FCHN providers that have existing BCE Emergis or its subsidiaries' contracts -- It is the intent of MultiPlan to replace your First Choice Health PPO contract, for their clients, with the MultiPlan/BCE Emergis contracts. On the effective date of the transition to the direct contract with MultiPlan/BCE Emergis, your reimbursement will be based on your BCE Emergis rates and will no longer be according to your First Choice rates.
- For FCHN providers that do not have existing BCE Emergis contracts -- It is the intent of MultiPlan to negotiate a direct contract with you for their clients.

MultiPlan has agreed to provide advance notification to First Choice of its schedule for replacing FCHN contracts with BCE Emergis contracts and its schedule for direct contracting, so that we may provide ample communication to you. MultiPlan has agreed to support all FCHN provider claims disputes for dates of service prior to the date of conversion of any new contract or dates incurred before December 31, 2005. FCHN will also commit to work with you on any of these claims issues.

FCHN and MultiPlan are committed to a smooth transition to avoid confusion in account billing and reconciliation and to avoid risk to your patients' care.

Please call Provider Relations at (800) 231-6935, extension 2103, if you have questions regarding the content of this bulletin.