

## United HealthCare Network Alert

United HealthCare and Swedish Medical Centers have been in contract negotiations and have not been able to come to an acceptable agreement.

Unless an agreement is reached, Swedish will terminate their contract and will no longer be an in network provider for United HealthCare (including associated plans Evercare and United Behavioral Health). Swedish announced United HealthCare's contract will terminate at their physician clinics on September 8, 2007. Swedish Hospital will stop accepting United HealthCare beginning October 8, 2007. All facilities and clinics, including Ballard, Cherry Hill, First Hill, and the Issaquah hospital will be considered out of network, except for emergency services, which will continue to be treated as in network. Patients with United HealthCare insurance coverage will pay higher co-pays and increased coinsurance for non-emergency services if they continue to receive care through Swedish and its doctors.

United HealthCare continues to negotiate with Swedish Medical Centers and hopes they can come to an agreement prior to the above termination dates.

Should contract negotiations result in the inability to reach an agreement, United HealthCare will send communications to all employer groups and employees affected by this change 15 days prior to the termination date.