

# December 29, 2025, HBR Alert!



## 2026 ID Card Update

The State Health Plan recently learned that many of the new 2026 ID Cards have a January 1, 2025, effective date.

While the benefits may change, the effective date on the ID card does not always change, which is a known issue at Aetna.

**Regardless of the effective date, the new ID cards will work in 2026.**

If a member is confused as to whether they have a 2025 or 2026 ID card, they can distinguish the cards based on the plan names. The 2025 ID cards referenced the *Base PPO Plan* and the *Enhanced PPO* Plans. The 2026 ID cards have the new plan names: *Standard* and *Plus PPO* Plan.

We apologize for any confusion this may cause. The Plan will work with Aetna on a better solution for next year.

