

October 27, 2026, Member Alert!



New Contract Signed Between N.C. State Health Plan and Atrium Health

This announcement does not impact Members Enrolled in the Humana Medicare Advantage Plans.

As part of the ongoing efforts to keep the State Health Plan (Plan) affordable for its 750,000 members while keeping it solvent, Atrium Health and the Plan have entered into a new contract.

Atrium Health came into this multi-year agreement with the goal of making sure members can keep receiving care at its leading hospitals, and from the physicians and care teams they know and trust.

This new contract comes after the Plan built its tiered network to provide high-quality care at a lower cost to its members. Atrium Health created its Affordability Protection Program to reduce costs for its current patients. This new agreement now achieves both organizations' goals.

Under the contract, the Plan will add all remaining Atrium Health hospitals and physicians to its in-network Access tier, lowering costs for the Plan, its members and the taxpayers who help fund it.

Plan members who rely on Atrium Health will now have **in-network Access tier** coverage for all currently existing Atrium hospitals and specialty care services, allowing members to make appropriate decisions about their health care before **Open Enrollment ends on November 6.**

Because members now have access to care through the Plan's own network, both organizations agree that Atrium Health's Affordability Protection Program is no longer needed, and Atrium Health will sunset it when the agreement takes effect. Additionally, the current legal complaint filed by the Plan will be withdrawn.

The Plan and Atrium Health recognize the past few months have been unsettling for members and their families, and each have committed to put any differences aside to move forward and keep working together for the benefit of every teacher and state employee who counts on them both.

