

UW Medicine

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Arlington Education Association
315 North French Ave
Arlington, WA 98223

RE: UW Medicine Health Plan Options for School District WEA Members

Dear Mr./Ms.:

UW Medicine is proud to serve over 10,000 WEA members annually, and we look forward to continuing these care relationships in 2018 and beyond. That's why I'm requesting your help in communicating important changes to WEA's health insurance plan choices.

In 2018, WEA's health insurance plan choices will change from Premera to plans offered by Aetna and United Healthcare. Choices will include two "narrow network" plans (United Healthcare's Navigate and Aetna's Whole Health) and two "broad PPO networks" (United Healthcare's Choice PPO Network and Aetna's PPO Network). As only the PPO networks will allow in-network access to UW Medicine, and as the narrow networks feature no out-of-network benefit, WEA members wishing to access the UW Medicine health system must select a PPO network.

UW Medicine is very concerned about the continuity of care for the WEA patients we now serve. We would greatly appreciate your assistance in communicating this information to your WEA represented employees. (Letters will also be sent to current WEA members who are UW Medicine patients.)

I am happy to discuss this letter with you should you have any questions or concerns. Please feel free to call me at (206) 744-9718.

Sincerely,



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