

Via Email to: monica.schmude@anthem.com

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Monica Schmude
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Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield of Virginia
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Richmond, Virginia 23230



Dear Ms. Schmude,

I am writing on behalf of the Chesapeake Alliance, the largest and most influential business group in Chesapeake – the second largest city in Virginia.

A significant number of our members and their employees maintain their insurance with Anthem and have been dependent upon the relationship between Chesapeake Regional Healthcare and your company for many years.

Chesapeake Regional is an incredibly valuable asset providing important services to our community. It is the only independent, community-based hospital in the region offering consumers a choice in healthcare at competitive prices.

For nearly 50 years, residents of Chesapeake have relied on Chesapeake Regional to deliver high quality, compassionate care close to home.

Chesapeake Regional Healthcare represents more than 50 locations and 600 doctors spanning 75 specialties. These facilities and doctors are needed by our member businesses and their employees. Without Anthem, our businesses will need to find another insurance provider.

Chesapeake Regional deserves to be reimbursed at rates consistent with competing providers, and not at rates that are on average 25% less.

It is my sincerest hope that a mutually beneficial agreement can be reached in short order to avoid an unnecessary disruption of healthcare services and coverage to the many people who depend on Chesapeake Regional Healthcare.

Thank you for your commitment to resolving this matter.

Sincerely,

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