

This is an updated notification of the earlier email regarding the AlaskaCare Plan change in preferred hospital for the Anchorage area. Several items have been clarified and the date for the retiree information distribution has been changed to February. No other effective dates have changed. Additional information about this change is available from the Division of Retirement and Benefits website at [www.doa.alaska.gov/drb](http://www.doa.alaska.gov/drb) under *Headlines*.



**This email is intended for employees who are covered by the  
State of Alaska's AlaskaCare Employee Health Plan.  
If you have received this in error, please disregard.**

## **The AlaskaCare Preferred Hospital for the Anchorage area will be **Alaska Regional Hospital** beginning April 1, 2010**

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Wells Fargo Insurance Services, the third party administrator for the *AlaskaCare Health Plans*, has entered into a preferred provider hospital agreement with Alaska Regional Hospital. Effective April 1, 2010, Alaska Regional Hospital will replace Providence Hospital as the preferred provider hospital for the Anchorage area.

Members of the *AlaskaCare Employee Health Plan* must choose the preferred hospital, for hospital services received in the Municipality of Anchorage, or plan reimbursement will be reduced by 20% as described in the *plan updates* for 2004. There are exceptions in the case of emergency treatment or services that are not available at Alaska Regional.

Alaska Regional is an award-winning facility and offers a full range of services comparable to other full service hospitals in Alaska. This agreement reflects the culmination of several months of analysis and will provide members with access to high quality service, provided by your doctor, at competitive prices.

Members under the *AlaskaCare Retiree Health Plan* are not affected by this change; however, information regarding the advantages of choosing the preferred hospital will be sent to them in late February.

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### **Information Sources**

Listed below are links to websites where you can find additional information and phone numbers that you may need, now or in the future, if you have questions.

#### **AlaskaCare (Wells Fargo Insurance Services)**

Telephone: 877.517.6370

For information about claims, precertification or other claim-related questions

**Websites**

AlaskaCare website [AlaskaCare.gov](http://AlaskaCare.gov)

Division of Retirement and Benefits website [www.doa.alaska.gov/drb](http://www.doa.alaska.gov/drb)

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