

# Affiliated Physicians & Employers Health Plan

A NJ Self-Insured MEWA



Dear Group Administrator:

**Good News!!! Your Affiliated Physicians and Employers Health Plan (APEHP) medical coverage plan has gotten a whole lot better... and AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO YOU.**

Starting July 1, 2016, APEHP members will be able to access the Cigna National Open Access Plus (OAP) Network. Cigna's OAP network provides your covered employees and their families the flexibility and opportunity to choose from a variety of provider options that meet their needs.

**So.....what does that mean for my covered employees?**

- **If they are a New Jersey Resident:**

The network within the state of New Jersey will **NOT** change. They will continue to access the **SAME** QualCare Network that they use today.

They will have national access to the Cigna OAP network for emergency and elective services outside the state of New Jersey.

- **If they reside outside of New Jersey:**

The Cigna OAP Network will replace the current First Health and GHI networks. As the Cigna OAP is a national expansive network, we do not anticipate there will be significant disruption, however, if a member is currently utilizing a provider for active treatment that is in the First Health or GHI network and is not in the Cigna OAP Network, that member may be eligible for transitional care benefits. Members can verify if a provider participates in the Cigna OAP network by visiting the following website, <http://sarhcpdir.cigna.com/mcoap>.

If any of your covered members believe that they have a need for Transitional Care Benefits because the provider is not in the Cigna OAP Network, they can complete and submit a Transitional Care Request Form which is available on our website, <http://apehp.com/forms-documents/>.

Due to the addition of the new network, we will be replacing current ID cards. APEHP will provide your covered employees with new ID cards by July 1, 2016. Once the new card is received, please be sure to have your employees dispose of their old card, as we have replaced the First Health and GHI logos with the Cigna OAP logo.

We are excited about this new addition to your benefits and are committed to providing the best options for your healthcare.

Sincerely,

Affiliated Physicians and Employers Health Plan

*If you need more information than is covered in this notice, please contact Group Administrator Service at 1-888-606-5152.*