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The Public Employees' Benefits Program (PEBP) Board met on Friday, April 27, 2018 and suspended the pilot program with Saint Mary's health system in Reno, Nevada. This decision was not made lightly and PEBP recognizes the loss of new access to additional high quality providers in the Reno area is regrettable.

PEBP's mission is to provide employees, retirees and their families with high quality benefits at affordable prices. PEBP follows three basic strategic goals: 1) increase access to care; 2) improve the member experience; and 3) reduce costs. While at first the inclusion of Saint Mary's met all three goals, after further review, the costs saved with implementing this provider of care would have been outweighed by the costs increased throughout the remaining network and the potential loss of access to a current system in the same area. This information means two of the goals (increased access and lower costs) would not have been met by this decision and we could no longer support its implementation.

We want to provide you with the highest quality services at affordable prices. When we receive new information, we move forward with programs of care implementing cost effective options so you can maximize your benefits. The decisions made by the PEBP Board are designed to ensure you can access the doctors and facilities you need without falling prey to the high costs of care plaguing our nation. We have successfully managed this program to provide you rate decreases across all plans next year based on these sound decisions. Therefore, although we were passionate about opening up the Saint Mary's system of care to our members next year, we cannot in good faith jeopardize your access and affordability with this pilot moving forward.

PEBP will continue to research, analyze, and recommend to our Board feasible, appropriate, and cost-effective opportunities to meet your needs. If there is a way to implement the Saint Mary's system of care in the future while protecting access and cost, PEBP will again lead the charge and recommend this high quality provider.

Sincerely,

Damon Haycock

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