

*The University System of Georgia (USG) uses Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia (BCBS) to provide healthcare for 12,000 employees and for their partners and children at a significant price.*

*There is an urgent problem: BCBS may lose network coverage of Piedmont Healthcare medical resources.*

*USG personnel have already made insurance decisions during open enrollment, based on the premise that Piedmont Healthcare medical resources would be covered in network throughout 2018.*

*If BCBS loses in-network access to Piedmont Healthcare resources, then the 12,000 employees enrolled in BCBS and their families would face disruptions, delays, and additional costs for vital medical services. Some people would incur substantial out-of-network charges to remain with physicians who understand their medical problems, while others would switch to new physicians, thus overloading those physicians' practices and causing long wait-times for appointments.*

*We ask that USG push for a speedy resolution that will allow current BCBS enrollees to continue to use Piedmont services through the end of 2018 without additional charges.*