## **Special Bulletin**

For professional and facility providers

**February 1, 2023** 

## Discontinued: FPH Network's Outpatient Laboratory and Radiology Programs

Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield members within the First Priority Health (FPH) HMO network may now request outpatient laboratory and radiology services from **any participating facility**, no matter the location. When requesting one of these services, providers must submit a script and authorization (when necessary) to the facility providing the service to the member.

Per this change, the FPH Outpatient Laboratory program in Luzerne and Lackawanna counties and the Outpatient Radiology program in Luzerne County (excluding Berwick and Hazleton areas) was eliminated on **January 1, 2023**.

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