



OSF HealthCare welcomes BlueCross BlueShield Medicaid Members

Immediate coverage at ALL locations, including OSF HealthCare Children's Hospital of Illinois

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(August 8, 2023 | PEORIA, Ill.) – OSF HealthCare is pleased to announce that effective immediately, patients who are enrolled in BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois Medicaid will be able to access all OSF HealthCare hospitals and physicians as part of their insurance plan. The coverage applies across the state of Illinois and includes access to OSF HealthCare Children's Hospital of Illinois in Peoria, the most comprehensive children's hospital in the state outside of Chicago.

"Medicaid is an incredible asset in the communities we serve as many of our patients count on this program for medical coverage assistance," said Bob Sehring, chief executive officer, OSF HealthCare. "We are glad to partner with BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois to expand options for Medicaid beneficiaries."

Medicaid helps ensure that the health care needs of vulnerable patients are met, including children, parents and caretakers, and people with disabilities.

"Across the communities we serve, we have the opportunity to impact 200,000 lives through this new partnership," said Michael Wells, president of OSF HealthCare Saint Francis Medical Center and interim president of OSF Children's Hospital of Illinois. "As a destination center that provides the highest levels of pediatric and neonatal intensive care, it's critical that patients' insurance carriers support and ensure members' access."

BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois Medicaid members have access to a wide range of health care services through OSF HealthCare beginning now. In addition to primary care services, members will benefit from in-network inpatient admissions as well as laboratory tests, x-rays, medical equipment and more.

For more information, members can contact BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois Customer Service at 1-855-639-2258. Information is also available by visiting the OSF HealthCare [website](#).

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OSF HealthCare is an integrated health system owned and operated by The Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis, headquartered in Peoria, Illinois. OSF HealthCare has 15 hospitals – 10 acute care, five critical access - with 2,084 licensed beds throughout Illinois and Michigan. OSF employs nearly 24,000 Mission Partners throughout 150+ locations; has two colleges of nursing; operates OSF Home Care Services, an extensive network of home health and hospice services; owns Pointcore, Inc., comprised of health care-related businesses; OSF HealthCare Foundation, the philanthropic arm for the organization; and OSF Ventures, which provides investment capital for promising health care innovation startups. In 2020, OSF OnCall was established, a digital health operating unit, including a hospital-at-home, which delivers care and services when, where and how patients prefer to receive them. OSF HealthCare has been recognized by *Fortune* as one of the most innovative companies in the country. More at osfhealthcare.org/.

Located in Peoria, **OSF HealthCare Children's Hospital of Illinois** is the third largest pediatric hospital in Illinois and the most comprehensive hospital for kids downstate. With 136 beds and more than 140 pediatric subspecialists, OSF Children's Hospital cares for more children in Illinois than any hospital outside of Chicago. Formally established as a pediatric hospital within the walls of OSF HealthCare Saint Francis Medical Center in 1990, OSF Children's Hospital of Illinois has more than 7,000 inpatient admissions, 75,000 outpatient specialty visits, 2,400 newborn deliveries, and 18,000 emergency department visits each year. Learn more by visiting childrenshospitalofillinois.org.