

## **Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield**

Many of you have heard that **Regence BCBS** and **Providence** Health Systems are in contract negotiations. If they do not come to an agreement on a contract, Providence may become “out of network” for Regence members. This would mean that Regence insured patients would pay higher out of pocket costs to see Providence providers and use Providence facilities. This may cause patients to change their Providers or place of care.

This is not yet decided and the deadline for Regence and Providence to make a new contract is January 15<sup>th</sup>.

As for **Willamette Falls Pediatric Group** patients, we **continue to accept and see Regence members** despite what happens. WFPG is a private practice and is not owned by Providence. We do lease an office on the Providence/Willamette Falls campus, conveniently located next to the hospital in Oregon City. But have no affiliation with Providence otherwise.

We continue to hold a contract with Regence BCBS and will continue to care for your children. The only change could be where you have labs or x-rays done, and the specialists you may see.

Providence facilities and specialists may become “out of network”, and therefore, have more cost to you versus a facility or specialist “in network” (meaning they have a current contract with Regence).

We do hope that Regence and Providence come to an agreement and approve a new contract. We have until January 15<sup>th</sup> to find out, so stay tuned!