



Sample Letter to Active Members enrolled in UHC Alliance Basic plan transferring to Sutter Health Plan

Important Information Enclosed

First Name and Last Name
Address
Address Line 2 – Optional
Address Line 3 – Optional
City, State, Zip Code

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to OE Resources webpage

[CalPERS ID (Optional)]

[Month DD, YYYY]

Dear [Recipient],

In advance of the 2026 Health Open Enrollment period, we want to inform you of key changes to your current health plan. Effective January 1, 2027, *UnitedHealthcare SignatureValue Alliance* will no longer be available through CalPERS.

To continue offering high-quality, sustainable, and affordable health plans for our members, we have made the difficult decision to remove UnitedHealthcare from the CalPERS Basic plan portfolio, as their proposed premium increases were high and unjustified.

What This Means for You

If you do not change your plan during Open Enrollment, you and any dependent(s) will be automatically enrolled in Sutter Health Plan, effective January 1, 2027. **Please note**, if you are automatically enrolled, you will not be able to change your plan after Open Enrollment ends without a qualifying life event such as a move or retirement, or until the next Open Enrollment period. Learn more at calpers.ca.gov/HPG.

Sutter Health Plan is a new Basic HMO option available beginning January 1, 2027 and is a fully integrated health plan operating in a coordinated way across its clinicians and hospitals. Additionally, Sutter Health Plan provides continued access to Sutter Medical Group, which means you will still have access to the doctors you see today. Your pharmacy benefits through CVS will also remain the same.

Sutter Health Plan provides access to behavioral health services through Carelon Behavioral Health of California, Inc. To confirm if your behavioral health provider is in network, use the online provider search tool at carelonbh.com/sutterhealthplan. You can also contact Sutter Health Plan (sutterhealthplan.org/calpers) after September 1, 2026.

If your provider is not in network, your new health plan can help you find health providers. If you have a qualifying health condition, you may be able to keep seeing your current provider

for a period of time while you transition to an in-network provider. For more information, visit **dmhc.ca.gov** or talk to your current health plan.

To learn more about what this change means for you and for a list of frequently asked questions, visit **calpers.ca.gov/UHC**.

Open Enrollment Information

Open Enrollment is September 14 – October 9, 2026. Explore your options and find the plan that's right for you. Find the full listing of 2027 health plan premiums on the Plans & Rates page at **calpers.ca.gov/health-plans-rates**.

Beginning September 8, 2026, access your customized Open Enrollment information online at **my.calpers.ca.gov** and use the **Search Health Plans** tool to:

- Find and compare 2027 health plans available in your area
- Search for your doctor or medical group
- Check monthly premiums and member satisfaction ratings
- Explore side-by-side health plan, benefit, and copay comparisons

When exploring health plans, consider lower-cost options, available doctors and hospitals, and the location of care facilities. Check which plans your doctor or medical group are available in. You may be able to switch to a lower-cost plan and keep your doctor or medical group. We want you to be well-informed to make the best decision for you and your family.

Use **How to Choose a Health Plan** as a checklist of tools and resources to guide you as you shop plans. Access the guide at **calpers.ca.gov/choosingahealthplan**.

Beginning July 1, 2027, CalPERS Basic health plans will offer a Family Building Benefit that covers the diagnosis and treatment of infertility. To learn more about all 2027 health plan changes and access Open Enrollment resources in one convenient location, scan the QR code above with your mobile phone's camera or visit the OE Resources webpage at **calpers.ca.gov/OEresources**.

Who to Contact

If you have questions regarding your health plan options, contact your employer's personnel specialist or health benefits officer for more information about the health plans available to you.

Sincerely,

Health Policy & Benefits Branch