

Update from PEBB Regarding Providence Health Plan Announcement on March 19, 2026

[Read Providence Health Plan's March 19, 2026, Press Release](#)

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- In mid-March 2026, Providence Health Plan (PHP) notified the PEBB Board that it was withdrawing its proposal for PEBB's Medical/Rx Request for Proposal (RFP). As a result, PHP medical plans will no longer be available to PEBB members beginning January 1, 2027.
- The RFP process will continue as planned. PEBB will interview finalists, complete scoring and rankings, and present results and selection options to the Board at the April 29 meeting.
- As part of the RFP, PEBB will look closely at how changes might affect members and their access to care. These are key components in the RFP decision-making process.
- Because the RFP is still in progress, PEBB has specific rules to follow. This means PEBB can't talk about proposals or details outside of the official meetings.
- PEBB will be able to share more information about 2027 plan selections after the Board makes its decisions in late April. Detailed information about 2027 benefits and provider networks will follow as soon as it is available.
- Providence Health Plan remains under contract with PEBB through the end of 2026 and is committed to fulfilling all contractual obligations during that time.

What is an RFP?

A Request for Proposals (RFP) is a process the government uses to ask companies to send in ideas for how they can provide a service or product. It explains what we need and how we will choose the best partner.

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- Many PEBB PHP members have asked about changing plans. Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 125 rules require us to keep your plan the same for the year unless you have a qualifying life event. [Review the Qualified Status Change \(QSC\) matrix](#) to see if you have a qualifying event.
- PHP's transition to Collective Health on January 1, 2026, has presented challenges. PEBB staff continue daily work to address issues and have communicated expectations to PHP and Collective Health that all outstanding issues be resolved by April 2026.
- Member benefits for the 2026 plan year, administered by PHP and Collective Health, are not affected by PHP's RFP withdrawal.
- PEBB will continue working collaboratively with PHP and Collective Health to resolve member issues throughout 2026.