



LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

LTC No: 25-256

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*
DATE: November 26, 2025
SUBJECT: **Cigna Provider Negotiations with Tenet Healthcare**

The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to provide notice of Cigna's negotiations with one of the City's current health care providers, Tenet Healthcare, which represents the following hospital facilities:

- Delray Medical Center (Delray Beach)
- Good Samaritan Medical Center (West Palm Beach)
- Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center (Palm Beach Gardens)
- St Mary's Medical Center (West Palm Beach)
- West Boca Medical Center (Boca Raton)

The City is self-insured for employee health insurance and contracts with Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company (Cigna) for Third-Party Administration (TPA) services for Group Health, Pharmacy, and Benefit Management (PBM). The three-year agreement with Cigna was approved with an effective date of January 1, 2023. Included in the services provided are network/provider management, which includes contracts with providers. When provider contracts are expiring, Cigna notifies us if there are any issues relating to contract renewal.

Cigna's network contract with Tenet Healthcare will terminate on January 1, 2026. They are currently in negotiations to reach an agreement on mutually acceptable rates. Tenet Healthcare is seeking higher reimbursement rates for its services, while Cigna is working to prevent exponential rate increases in order to protect both its self-insured clients and fully insured policyholders. As with other providers in Cigna's network, negotiations continue in an effort to reach a resolution acceptable to all parties.

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