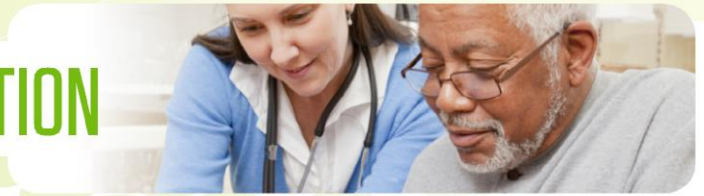


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CANCER PATIENTS SOMETIMES CAN'T GET COVERAGE AT THE HOSPITALS THEY WANT

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“Getting cancer is scary. Discovering that your health plan doesn’t give you access to leading cancer centers may make the diagnosis even more daunting.”

“As insurers participating in the health marketplace shrink their provider networks and slash the number of plans that offer out-of-network coverage, some consumers with cancer are learning that their treatment options can sometimes be limited.”

“Does it matter whether someone with a cancer diagnosis gets treatment at one of these [National Cancer Institute-designated] centers rather than at a community hospital or some other site? Research suggests that it may.”

“A large study published in 2015 found that patients newly diagnosed with several types of cancer – breast, colorectal, lung, pancreatic, gastric and bile duct – were 20 to 50 percent more likely to die of it if they were initially treated somewhere other than at a NCI-designated comprehensive cancer center.”



“In many cases, patients don’t realize their lack of access until after their diagnosis, when it may be too late.”

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