Neighborhood Health Plan OF RHODE ISLAND™

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Primary Care Provider Directory Disclosure Requirements

November 19, 2026

Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island (Neighborhood) is updating its provider directory to identify fee-based primary care providers (PCPs), as required by the Rhode Island Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC).

This update supports requirements outlined in Rhode Island Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC) Bulletin 2026-03 to help members make informed decisions when selecting a PCP.

OHIC defines fee-based primary care practice models, as "PCPs that require beneficiaries to pay a membership, subscription, or other fee as a condition of obtaining or maintaining access to the provider."

These fees are separate from health insurance premiums, copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles.

Separately, some providers may offer an **optional membership fee** while continuing to provide covered services to patients who do not pay the membership fee. Neighborhood is requesting information about both arrangements to determine which providers meet the criteria for the fee-based designation in the directory.

What Providers Need to Do

If your practice **charges an additional fee that is separate from applicable health insurance premiums, copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles**, please notify Neighborhood and indicate whether:

- **The fee is mandatory.** Patients must pay it to become or remain a patient and receive care at your practice
- **The fee is optional.** Patients may decline it and continue receiving covered services at your practice.

Please submit this information by **December 1, 2026** using one of the following methods:

- **Email:** providerdata@nhpri.org
- **Fax:** 401-709-7066

No action is required if you do not charge additional fees to your patients.

Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to providing high-quality care to Neighborhood members