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## Alameda Health System and Anthem Blue Cross Reach Contract Agreement

Alameda Hospital now "in-network" for Anthem Blue Cross members

**Oakland, Calif.** — April 12, 2018 — Alameda Health System today announced a new contract with Anthem Blue Cross of California at Alameda Hospital.

Beginning May 1, 2018, AHS-Alameda Hospital will be an "In Network" provider for Anthem members, giving those residing in the city of Alameda access to health care close to home.

"We want to thank Anthem members and residents of Alameda for their patience and support during negotiations," said James Jackson, chief administrative officer, AHS-Alameda Hospital. "Alameda residents have a choice of where they receive health services, and we look forward to providing them with high-quality health care to meet their individual and community health needs close to where they live."

Alameda Hospital is a full-service facility providing services such as emergency medicine, surgery, cardiac services, orthopedics, gastroenterology, radiology, pharmacy, and wound care through the Creedon Advanced Wound Care clinic.

"We are pleased to welcome Alameda Hospital back in our network," said John Pickett, Anthem Blue Cross regional vice president, Provider Solutions. "This will allow us to offer our Anthem members access to a broad network of high-quality hospitals and physicians in Northern California."

Alameda Hospital now has contracts with major insurance carriers including Anthem Blue Cross of California, Blue Shield of California, Health Net, Aetna, Cigna and UnitedHealthcare.

## **About Alameda Health System**

Alameda Health System (AHS), headquartered in Oakland, Calif., is a leading public health care provider and medical training institution recognized for its world-class patient and family-centered system of care. Our mission, Caring, Healing, Teaching, Serving All, reflects our commitment to promoting wellness, eliminating disparities and optimizing the health of all communities in Alameda County. We currently provide more than 4,500 jobs and are home to more than 1,100 physicians across nine facilities, including five hospitals and a network of community-based wellness centers. For more information, visit <u>AlamedaHealthSystem.org</u>.