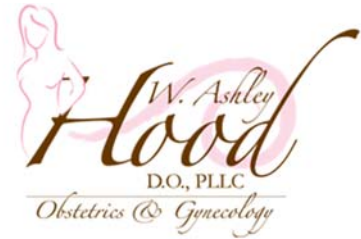


Notice:

Blue Cross & Blue Shield Patients



Date: August 21, 2013

As of August 31, 2013 Blue Cross & Blue Shield will cancel contracts with HMA hospitals. The result of this cancellation is that NO commercial Blue Cross patients in Mississippi will have access to medical services at any HMA hospital at Blue Cross provider rates. (Exceptions may include state and federal employees.) In turn, this will increase the out-of-pocket hospitalization costs to patients using services at HMA Hospitals. In the Jackson area alone, this includes River Oaks Hospital, Woman's Hospital, Crossgates River Oaks Hospital, Madison River Oaks Medical Center, and Central Mississippi Medical Center.

This notice is to inform you that **this change will not affect Blue Cross & Blue Shield patients who are seen in our office.** Dr Hood has an individual private practice and is still a network provider for Blue Cross. However, you may be left with out-of-pocket fees if you are having any inpatient or outpatient procedures at River Oaks or Woman's hospital. We strongly urge you to discuss this with your insurance company and/or hospital of your choice.

Dr Hood is currently on staff at St. Dominic's Hospital and is in the process of obtaining privileges at Baptist Hospital as well. **While BCBS and HMA are in this dispute, Dr Hood will continue to see BCBS patients as usual.** If you desire, Dr Hood is willing to use St. Dominic's or Baptist Hospital for any of your healthcare needs. We realize that this is an inconvenience for you, but we strive to do what we can to meet your needs.

With King Regards,

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