



# JeffCare Newsletter

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## A Message from Leadership:

Dear Colleagues,

We hope you are doing well and looking forward to warmer weather. Most likely you are seeing more patients now in person and we do hope for continued health for you and your patients.

### COVID Updates:

JeffCare did reach out to our independently practicing colleagues about opportunities for vaccination but if for any reason you or your staff still need vaccinations, please reach out to:

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All Jefferson Health staff were offered vaccinations. Currently, Jefferson Health has moved onto patient vaccination and is proceeding according to CDC and local guidelines.



### Pictured:

**Katherine Behan, MD**

President, JeffCare  
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Board Chair, JeffCare  
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# Update from Jefferson Leadership:

## Jefferson-Einstein Merger:

As many of you already have heard, the Federal Trade Commission has decided not to take further action to block the proposed merger between Jefferson and Einstein Health to become one health system.

In the words of Jefferson's President and CEO Dr. Stephen Klasko "The pandemic has proven how crucial both Jefferson and Einstein are to ensuring equitable care in the community. This merger will be a major step forward to achieving our long-term mission to "improve lives" and

*reimagine health care, education and discovery to create unparalleled value... We will apply the lessons learned from our ongoing integration efforts and adapt our strategy to meet the unique needs of this partnership – identifying synergies and opportunities to strengthen or complement areas of care to ensure we can provide the greatest value to our patients and students."*

We expect the merger to close sometime during the summer.

## Dues and Practice Roster Update:

We will be sending JeffCare dues notices for 2021 in May. The rate will remain \$390/provider. As we compile our JeffCare membership roster, now is the time to notify us of any changes to your provider complement by emailing: [JeffcareIndependents@jefferson.edu](mailto:JeffcareIndependents@jefferson.edu)

We plan to send you, over the next few weeks, the current JeffCare Plan Participation Form. On this form are noted all the payers and contracts you can participate in through your JeffCare membership. Please review the list of contracts, indicate the contracts that your practice would

like to participate in by placing your initials next to the specific plan, and return to us by emailing the form to: [JeffcareIndependents@jefferson.edu](mailto:JeffcareIndependents@jefferson.edu).

It is important to note that all providers in a group must participate in the same plans. As plan updates become available, including new opportunities for participation, we will send you updates.

[Please click here for the Payer Enrollment Request Form](#)

## DVACO - eACO and Employee Benefits Network

We appreciate your participation in our employee benefits program, designed to offer value-based care to the employees and dependents of Jefferson Health. As a JeffCare member, your practice continues to be part of our physician network as a Maximum Savings Provider for 2021. The three health system provider organizations that currently participate with our employee benefits program include providers from Jefferson Health, Main Line Health Physician Partners as well as Doylestown Health Partners. Employees and their dependents are encouraged to use these providers and services through significantly reduced copays and deductibles when they choose to see providers in our network.

Please note that your payment is not impacted by collecting a lower copay at the time of service in your office. In fact, Aetna will provide a higher reimbursement directly to offset any reduced copayments based on your existing agreement with these payers. Should you have

any questions about this program, please do not hesitate to contact Joel Port at portj@dvaco.org or 610-225-6253, Frank Cummings at Frank.Cummings@jefferson.edu or your payer provider representative.

Please remember to keep your credentialing information updated in CAQH, to ensure you are paid appropriately as a Maximum Savings Provider.

Referring to other Maximum Savings Providers (i.e. Jefferson and Main Line Health affiliated providers) may save significant out of pocket expenses in the form of lower deductibles and copays for our employees and their dependents. Encouraging employees to check their coverage before scheduling and receiving medical services (for example, lab, radiology, medical/surgical procedures) is advisable. Please note that starting in 2021, Aetna will also be the Pharmacy Benefit Manager for all Jefferson Health and Main Line Health employees and their dependents.

## Epic changes with EPIC implemented at Jefferson Health Northeast and Abington Memorial

As you may be aware, Jefferson Health NE and Jefferson Abington have both implemented EPIC. So that you are able to continue to monitor your patients, we welcome you to sign up for our Jefferson Health Care Link program. The Care Link platform will provide you with:

- Access to the patient chart including discharge, operative and progress notes, consult reports, labs, imaging reports, medications, problem lists, and much more.
- Ability to place specialist consult orders for current patients who have been seen at any Jefferson specialty/facility at any time, as long as you are designated as Jefferson medical staff or full members of Jeff Care.
- Access from virtually anywhere using the web-based system. Information can be printed when you need it and moved to your medical records if you choose.
- Notification by email of your patients' admissions and discharges. This feature is customizable to fit your needs and can include many other event alerts such as ED visits and scheduled or completed appointments.

It is easy to enroll in Jefferson Health Care Link. Please complete a hard copy of the Site Agreement which must

be signed by an authorized site administrator and send it to Jessica Breslin at [Jessica.Breslin@jefferson.edu](mailto:Jessica.Breslin@jefferson.edu). You will receive confirmation from the JeffCare Team within 3-5 business days once your document has been processed.

For more information and to download the agreement, visit: <https://hospitals.jefferson.edu/about-us/health-care-link.html>

For a direct link to download the Site Agreement, please use this link:

<https://hospitals.jefferson.edu/content/dam/health/PDFs/general/about-us/JeffCareLink-Access-Agreement.pdf>

