

PROVIDER SPOTLIGHT: TENET HEALTHCARE

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Provider Spotlight: Tenet Healthcare
- Addition of Premier WorkComp Management to Affiliate Program
- Panel Systems in Georgia
- Upcoming Events

NovaNet is continually forging new provider relationships and expanding current ones to provide members, employers and payors with the best healthcare options in their area. This month NovaNet expanded its relationship with Tenet to include workers compensation services at industry leading discounts throughout Georgia and Alabama. The inclusion of Tenet facilities and physicians in NovaNet’s workers compensation network will ensure that our clients continue to enjoy access to the best points of care in their area at considerable costs savings. Tenet’s Georgia and Alabama hospitals include: Atlanta Medical Center (GA), North Fulton Hospital (GA), South Fulton Medical Center (GA), Spalding Regional Medical Center (GA), Sylvan Grove Hospital (GA), and Brookwood Medical Center (AL).

International (AMI), Inc. Tenet is one of the largest investor-owned health care delivery systems in the nation. It includes 50 hospitals in 11 states with 99 outpatient centers. Tenet sees over 516 thousand admissions and 4 million outpatient visits a year. Tenet’s clinical quality scores as ranked by United States Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Studies (CMS) exceed the national average. In 2010, 25 Tenet hospitals were in the top 25 percent on their aggregate score across all measures.

Richard Morgan, President of NovaNet states, “The addition of Tenet facilities and physicians to our workers compensation network is a milestone in our continuing strategy to provide the most extensive and cost effective network in the southeast. It also continues to validate that NovaNet is a leader in the industry.”

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Tenet Healthcare Corporation was created in March 1995 through the merger of health care provider National Medical Enterprises (NME), Inc. and the parent company of American Medical

NOVA WORX CONTRACTING UPDATE

NovaWorx is rapidly expanding its directly contracted network throughout Georgia and Alabama while continuing to improve its penetration in Tennessee. NovaWorx continues to strive to provide the best workers compensation network in the Southeast. All NovaWorx discounts are based off

of the state fee schedules where applicable, and NovaWorx performs client-specific recruiting to enhance its clients provider panel. Please contact John Folks at 1-800-513-7177 ext. 285 or by email at jfolks@novanetppo.com to access the best providers at the best discounts.

In the first quarter of 2012, NovaWorx has increased its directly contracted workers’ compensation provider network by leaps and bounds. Georgia workers compensation physician counts grew by 12% and ancillaries increased by 3%. Most exciting is NovaWorx’s hospital count which grew by 38%.

**A WISE MAN WILL MAKE MORE OPPORTUNITIES THAN HE FINDS.
FRANCIS BACON**



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NOVANET CONTRACTS WITH PREMIER WORKCOMP MANAGEMENT

NovaNet is pleased to announce the addition of Premier WorkComp Management to its National Workers Compensation Affiliate Network program. The addition of Premier WorkComp Management provides even greater coverage and deeper discounts for NovaNet's clients in the states of Kansas and Missouri.

Premier WorkComp, formed in December of 1991, was Kansas City's first fully comprehensive preferred provider organization devoted exclusively to workers compensation.

The Premier WorkComp PPO network includes more than

50,000 providers in Kansas and Missouri, including physician specialists, hospitals, MRI centers, occupational health and physician clinics, and rehabilitation centers. It is the area's largest fully integrated system for managing your workers compensation programs.

For questions regarding Premier WorkComp Management or any of NovaNet's affiliate networks, please contact Jordan Morgan by telephone at (678) 638-7170 or by email at jmorgan@novanetppo.com.

UNDERSTANDING GEORGIA'S WORKERS COMPENSATION PANEL SYSTEM

Employers in Georgia are required to select a panel of physicians to treat their injured workers and post the information at their workplace. Georgia recognizes three types of panel systems labeled as the traditional panel, the conformed panel and the WC/MCO panel.

Traditional panels must be comprised of at least six non-associated physicians. One of those must be an orthopedic physician and at least one must be a minority. No more than two of the physicians may be from industrial clinics. Employees may make one change to another doctor on the list without the permission of the employer.

Conformed panels must meet the criteria of the traditional panel but have a minimum of ten non-associated physicians. In addition they must include a chiropractor and a general surgeon. Employees may make one change to another doctor on the list without the permission of the employer.

WC/MCO panels are organizations which employers have contracted with to provide medical services. Employers must give notice of the eligible medical service providers and post a 24-hour toll free number for the managed care organization (MCO). Employees may make one change to another doctor on the list without the permission of the employer.

All three types of panels are approved for use and special situations and exceptions can be approved by the Georgia State Board of Workers Compensation. For assistance in choosing panels or reviewing them to take advantage of the best discounts in a particular area, contact Jordan Morgan by telephone at (678) 638-7170 or by email at [jmogan@novanetppo.com](mailto:jmorgan@novanetppo.com).

More information on Georgia panels and workers compensation regulations can be found at <http://sbwc.georgia.gov/portal/site/SBWC/>



Upcoming Events

Tennessee Workers Compensation Conference	Nashville, TN	June 21-22, 2012
Alabama Self Insurers Association 2012 Summer Conference	Destin, FL	August 12-14, 2012
Georgia Annual Workers Compensation Annual Educational Conference	Atlanta, GA	August 26-29, 2012

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