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UC Irvine Healthcare reaches agreements with Blue Shield

Orange, Calif, July 27, 2010 —UC Irvine Healthcare and UC Irvine University Physicians & Surgeons have reached new agreements with Blue Shield of California to provide its members with physician and hospital services.

In addition to providing access to federal workers, the agreements bring UC Irvine into the CalPERS network of Blue Shield providers, granting many state and local government employees access to the most comprehensive specialized care available.

“We are pleased to resume providing care for Blue Shield customers,” said Dr. John A. Heydt, president and CEO of University Physicians & Surgeons. “This agreement brings us closer to our goal of offering all Orange County residents the high-quality care and treatment options only available at a university medical center.”

The two-year agreement was effective July 15. UC Irvine is contacting Blue Shield members to inform them.

UC Irvine Healthcare includes UC Irvine Medical Center in Orange, Gottschalk Medical Plaza in Irvine, Family Health Centers in Anaheim and Santa Ana, and University Physicians & Surgeons physician group.

For assistance in finding a UC Irvine doctor, please call us toll free at 1-877-UCI-DOCS or 1-877-824-3627.

About UC Irvine Medical Center: Orange County's only university research hospital, [UC Irvine Medical Center](#) offers acute- and general-care services at its new 482,000-square-foot UC Irvine Douglas Hospital and includes the county's only Level I trauma center, American College of Surgeons-verified regional burn center and National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center. U.S. News & World Report has included UCI for 10 consecutive years on its list of [America's Best Hospitals](#), ranking its programs in urology, gynecology, and ear, nose & throat among the top 50 in the country.

About the University of California, Irvine: Founded in 1965, UCI is a top-ranked university dedicated to research, scholarship and community service. Led by Chancellor Michael Drake since 2005, UCI is among the most dynamic campuses in the University of California system, with nearly 28,000 under-graduate and graduate students, 1,100 faculty and 9,000 staff. Orange County's largest employer, UCI contributes an annual economic impact of \$3.9 billion. For more UCI news, visit www.today.uci.edu.

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