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Fitzgerald Statement on UMPC, Highmark Ruling

PITTSBURGH – Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald issued the following statement today regarding yesterday’s decision by the state Supreme Court that seniors with Highmark’s Medicare Advantage plan coverage will continue to have in-network access to UPMC hospitals and doctors:

“On behalf of Allegheny County’s seniors, I commend Governor Wolf for his work fighting for the residents of western Pennsylvania who rely on Medicare Advantage. The work of his administration ensures an end to the confusion for so many consumers in our community. The parties deserve a lot of credit for their efforts to ensure that some 182,000 Highmark seniors who use UPMC facilities will not have to pay higher, out-of-network rates through June 2019. Seniors, and particularly those who are most vulnerable in our community, can breathe a sigh of relief that their coverage will continue for the near future.”

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