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Strong communities depend on access to care, opportunities for people to thrive, and a healthy environment. Across the places we serve, UPMC is advancing innovative care models, strengthening the health care workforce, supporting future professionals, and partnering with local community organizations to address evolving needs.

This edition of Policy Matters highlights recent achievements, policy engagements, and initiatives that reflect our ongoing work to improve health outcomes, expand key opportunity, and increase access to high-quality care.

System Spotlight



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Connect|Spirit Trinity Health System Finalizes Transition to UPMC

Connect|Spirit Trinity Health System has completed the transaction to join UPMC, effective Jan. 1, 2026. The system, which includes Trinity Mass and Trinity East in Bloomfield, Ohio, Trinity Twin City Hospital in Dennison, Ohio, and Trinity St. Elizabeth Hospital in Steubenville, Ohio, as well as 30 outpatient locations (Ohio and Lake Erie), as of Oct. 1, 2026.

"We are proud to officially welcome the Trinity team to UPMC. We look forward to working with our colleagues to bring the best of the Ohio Valley with UPMC's innovation and compassion, advancing our shared mission to improve the health of the communities we've always called 'who turns to us,'" said Leslie Davis, President and CEO, UPMC.

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UPMC's Insurance Services Division Products Earn Top NCQA Ratings

Eight UPMC Insurance Services Division products earned National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) ratings of four stars or higher.

UPMC's commercial health maintenance organization (HMO) products received five out of five stars, placing them among the top 1% nationally. Other UPMC commercial and Medicaid plans as well as UPMC Health Plan's Medicare Advantage HMO plan received four stars, showing high-quality, affordable care and an exceptional member experience.

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Health Policy in Focus



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UPMC Highlights Military Workforce Initiatives at Capitol Hearing

Eric Orent, director, Military Affairs and Student Initiatives, UPMC, recently provided testimony before the Pennsylvania Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee at a Capitol hearing focused on the transition from military service to civilian employment.

Eric highlighted the success of the Skill|Bridge program and UPMC's military-specific initiatives, emphasizing the critical role employers play in supporting service members, veterans, and their families. He also underscored the importance of partnership between state government leaders and Commonwealth agencies that continues to strengthen Pennsylvania's military and veteran workforce.

As one of the state's leading employers, UPMC remains committed to creating meaningful career pathways and advancing opportunities for the military community.

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Advocacy in Action



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UPMC Hosts Annual State Policy Briefing

UPMC welcomed Harrisburg lawmakers and staff for its annual State Policy Briefing, bringing together more than 100 attendees on some of the most pressing issues facing health care today. Conversations focused on:

- Health in the Nation's Capital
- The critical role of community-based, mission-driven health systems like UPMC
- Implementation of H.R. 1
- Efforts to combat waste, fraud, waste, and abuse across government and commercial insurance programs

The event drew strong participation from state policymakers and staff, including Sen. Devlin Robinson, Sen. Scott Hutchinson, and Sen. Lindsey Williams, as well as Rep. Jim Gregory, Rep. Eden Nagle, Sen. Kim Ward, Sen. Judy Ward, and Sen. Carrie Vogt.

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Michael Nordvall Brings Decades of Public Safety Experience to UPMC

Michael Nordvall, UPMC's first vice president of enterprise safety and security, is drawing on more than two decades of PR experience to lead UPMC's efforts to protect patients, staff, visitors, and facilities.

Since joining UPMC, Michael has visited locations across the system to hear directly from employees and better understand their safety and security concerns. His goal is to ensure that UPMC has the creative tools, secure environments where clinicians and caregivers can focus on delivering exceptional care.

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Supporting Our Communities Every Day



School Health Efforts Earn National Recognition

Eighteen schools across southeastern Pennsylvania were named 2025-2026 UPMC Children's Community Health Schools as part of the Healthier Generations Healthy Schools Program, an evidence-based initiative supported by UPMC Children's Community Health.

The recognition highlights UPMC's partnership with the Alliance for a Healthier Generation and its work supporting student physical wellness across the region.



UPMC Jameson Expands Robotic-Assisted Total Replacement

UPMC Jameson completed its first robotic-assisted MAKO knee joint replacement, making advanced orthopaedic technology more accessible to residents of Lawrence, Mercer, and Beaver counties.

The technology helps surgeons develop personalized plans and perform hip and knee procedures with greater precision.

UPMC Washington Adds Local Heart Transplant Program (ONA)

Kaela Hall, Campbell and Melinda de Jesus Decre Evaluation Clinic at UPMC Washington allows patients with advanced heart failure to receive transplant evaluations, physical assessments and follow-up care in their own community.

The clinic builds on the addition of local kidney and lung transplant programs, bringing further expanding access to specialized care in Washington County.

UPMC Pathways to Work Highlights Career Opportunities at PA CareerLink Day

PA CareerLink® Westmoreland's annual UPMC Pathways to Work program hosted attendees explore career opportunities across the organization.

Participants received guidance on resumes, applications, and interviews. They also showcased the wide range of clinical and nonclinical roles available at UPMC, helping connect residents with meaningful careers close to home.

UPMC's Day of Care Provides Free Health Services for Erie Community

UPMC Health Plan and UPMC Corehealth Urgent Care recently hosted a Day of Care event at the Erie Center for REC & Technology. The event provided free health screenings, flu vaccinations, and COVID-19 vaccinations, along with referral services, and connections to community support programs.

Designed to meet residents where they are, the event helped address barriers to care and reflected UPMC's broader effort to support individuals and families in positive their health and well-being.

UPMC Shadyside School of Nursing Launches Part-Time Evening Program

UPMC Shadyside School of Nursing at UPMC Pittsburgh is adding a 30-month, part-time evening program designed for students balancing their education with employment, caregiving, and other responsibilities.

Students will learn from UPMC faculty and complete more than 900 hours of clinical rotations at regional UPMC facilities.

UPMC Offering Free Community Screenings to Expand Access to Preventive Care

UPMC is helping connect community members with preventive health services through a series of free screening events across central Pennsylvania.

- UPMC Lititz will offer free hernia assessments on Wednesday, Oct. 15, and Tuesday, Oct. 21. Participants can meet one-on-one with surgeons, discuss treatment options, and learn about minimally invasive repair.
- At UPMC West Shore, individuals experiencing joint numbness, tingling, weakness, or pain can receive free carpal tunnel screenings on Thursday, Oct. 23. Specialists will discuss treatment options, including a new minimally invasive procedure.
- In addition, UPMC Magee-Womens is hosting a free breast screening clinic in Harrisburg on Saturday, Oct. 11. The event will offer 3D mammograms, clinical breast exams, and navigation participants with breast health evaluations and follow-up guidance.

UPMC Hospitals Recognized for Organ Donation Awareness

The 2026 Donate Life Pennsylvania Hospital Challenge awarded UPMC Williamsport a Platinum designation. UPMC Mercy and UPMC Susquehanna received Gold designations.

The recognition reflects the hospitals' work to educate employees, engage their communities, and increase awareness of lifesaving organ, eye, and tissue donation.

UPMC Event Provides Fresh Food to More Than 340 Shinglehouse Residents

UPMC's Fill Your Truck, Feed Your Family event provided fresh produce, meat, and other nutritious food to more than 340 residents, including 100 children.

Held in partnership with Shinglehouse Boys 'n' Sons, the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, and the Cole Foundation, the event helped address food insecurity by bringing essential resources directly to the community.



UPMC Wellsboro Emergency Department Director's Career Journey Reflects Commitment to Community

Brooke Fiorito's career journey at UPMC demonstrates the many pathways available for employees to learn, grow, and advance within the organization.

Beginning in housekeeping at UPMC Wellsboro, Brooke pursued additional education and professional development opportunities, eventually becoming director of the hospital's emergency department.

Brooke's story highlights UPMC's commitment to supporting employees' growth and its dedication to prepare to meet the health care needs of the communities it serves.



UPMC Sports Medicine Expands Surgical Services to UPMC Horizon

UPMC Sports Medicine is now providing surgical services at UPMC Horizon, bringing specialized orthopaedic care to residents of Hospitals care across north central Pennsylvania.

The regional model may help reduce wait times while allowing patients to receive treatment from the same familiar UPMC surgeons and clinical teams close to home.



UPMC Henry School of Nursing Expands Educational Opportunities to Altoona

The recent opening of the UPMC Henry School of Nursing at UPMC Altoona's Claring Valley campus is helping address nursing shortages in the region and create new opportunities for local residents.

The school's launch reflects UPMC's ongoing investment in education, workforce development, and ensuring communities have access to highly trained health care professionals for years to come.



UPMC Western Maryland Brings Health and Safety Education to Local Community Events

UPMC Western Maryland recently connected with residents at the Allegany County Fair and Garrett County Fair, bringing free, engaging free blood pressure screenings, health education, and wellness resources.

Fair visitors received information on injury prevention, heart health, stroke prevention, diabetes management, flea, health coaching services, and community exercise opportunities. They also participated in interactive activities, including a virtual reality simulation they can take to improve their health and well-being.

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