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Steward Health Care Announcement

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Steward Health Care has announced they will be closing some or all the facilities at Sharon Regional Health System in northwest Pennsylvania effective January 6, 2025.

What do I need to know?

- **Closure Date:** January 6, 2025. This is a complete closure, impacting all lines of business and approximately 5,000 Highmark members who used SRHS in the last year.
- **No Continuity of Care:** Because the facility is closing entirely, continuity of care processes won't apply.
- **Alternative Providers:** Highmark has identified several alternative hospitals near Sharon (AHN Grove City, UPMC Horizon – Shenango Valley, Mercy Health – St. Elizabeth Youngstown).
- **Member Notification:** Highmark will send letters to affected members, guiding them to alternative in-network providers using myhighmark.com or Member Services.