

New Medicare option for accessing health care services

More than 60,000 Medicare beneficiaries in South Florida have a new option for accessing health care services. As of June 1, people enrolled in Medica Healthcare and Preferred Care Partners Medicare Advantage plans can access care on an in-network basis at Cleveland Clinic Florida's six locations in South Florida, including the location at 525 Okeechobee Blvd. in West Palm Beach. Members will also have in-network access to 238 physicians with expertise in more than 35 specialties. Medica and Preferred Care members who have questions about how this change affects them should call the number on their member ID card.

Interventional neurologist named to American Heart/American Stroke Association



Interventional neurologist Dr. Ali R. Malek recently received an invitation from the American Heart/American Stroke Association to become a member of their prestigious 2014-2015 Palm Beach County Board of Directors.

"I am honored to once again be given the opportunity to help support an organization which has done more to advance stroke education and care than any other," said Dr. Malek.

He shows his commitment to the community by regularly speaking to groups such as physicians, EMS and local communities, regarding stroke awareness, treatment and the difference between a Primary Stroke Center and a Comprehensive Stroke Center. As a member of the Board, Dr. Malek will give his expert input on stroke and interventional neurology.

"I am thrilled to welcome Dr. Malek to our Board of Directors. His background and expertise will surely lead us into a successful year of building healthier lives free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke," said Lewis Hay III, Chairman of the Palm Beach County Board of Directors.

Dr. Malek is regionally renowned for founding and developing the Palm Beach Neuroscience Institute (PBNI) in West Palm Beach, a comprehensive neuroscience organization focusing on treatment for disorders of the brain, spinal cord and nerves. He is currently the Neuroscience Medical Director at St. Mary's Medical Center and Good Samaritan Medical Center in West Palm Beach, treating the most complex life-saving cases involving strokes, brain aneurysms and brain hemorrhages.

He is also on-staff at Delray Medical Center and Florida Medical Center, a campus of North Shore, and sees follow-up patients in his office at the Palm Beach Neuroscience Institute, all of which are an integral part of the newly formed Advanced Neuroscience Network - a system of medical professionals and hospitals providing a full continuum of neurological care using clinical expertise in treating neurological disorders across South Florida.

Dr. Malek is certified by the American Board of Psychiatry & Neurology, American Board of Neurocritical Care, American Board of Vascular Neurology and the National Board of Medical Examiners.