



# WCAF NEWS

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## World AIDS Day 2015

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We have come a very long way since the beginning of this journey. We have lost a lot of friends along the way and gained some more. We are still here to fight the fight and to offer support to those that cannot fight anymore. December 1st is a day to remember what we have lost in this journey and what we have accomplished along the way. We should take this time to try and educate others and to try and prevent any new infections. There are more options for medications now and there are different programs to try and help people to access care. As the world changes there are still some things that remain the same, the stigma is still a barrier for some to accessing care. We need to be there for those people to try and help them to get access to medications and know that they are not alone. They are still out there trying to find a cure and every day seems to bring a lot of hope. So thank you to everyone that has allowed us to be a part of their journey. We look forward to traveling the rest of this journey with you. The ones that we lost along this journey we will always miss you.

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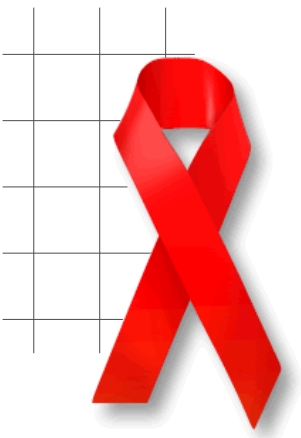
## Medicaid Open Enrollment!

The Medicaid Open Enrollment is coming, as far as we can tell the schedule will remain the same.

For our people in Citrus, Sumter and Hernando Counties, be watching the mail because your open enrollment letters should be coming out. You have to choose a plan by April 30th or you will be in this plan again for another year.

For our people in Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsborough, and Polk counties, you will have to choose a plan by May 31st or you will be in the plan you are in for another year.

**It is very important to pay attention to the dates because a lot of doctors are dropping certain plans.**



“Nothing is impossible, the word itself says I’m possible.”

Audrey Hepburn



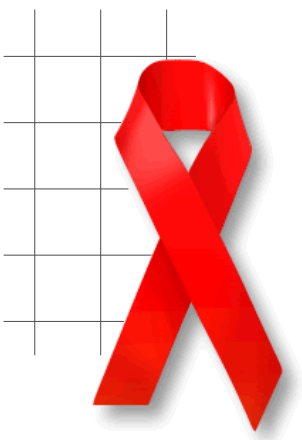
## Who is taking which Medicaid HMO?

Here is a basic list of which ID doctors are taking which HMO at this time.

- 1 Dr. Agarwal: Prestige.
- 2 AHF Clinic: Amerigroup, CHA, Prestige Staywell and Molina.
- 3 Dr. Elliot: The office said the patient needs to contact them.
- 4 Florida Medical Clinic ID: Clear Health Alliance
- 5 Infectious Disease Associates of Tampa Bay: Most of their providers are enrolled in all of the plans.
- 5 Dr. Levenson: Primary only CHA. Secondary: Prestige, Amerigroup, Sunshine, and Staywell.
- 6 Dr. Menezes: The patient needs to contact them and it is on a case by case basis.
- 7 Dr. Rodwick: Pending: Amerigroup, Staywell , and Sunshine
- 8 Dr. Sundaresh: Prestige
- 9 West Coast Infectious Diseases: Amerigroup, Molina and Sunshine.

This is not a comprehensive list. If your doctor is not on this list please contact your doctors office to see who they are taking at this time. Open enrollment for Medicaid will be starting in some areas. If you received your letter call 1-877-711-3662 to enroll or go online at

[www.flmedicaidmanagedcare.com](http://www.flmedicaidmanagedcare.com)



"We can't help everyone,  
but everyone can help  
someone"

Ronald Reagan

## **Boost/Nepro/Ensure**

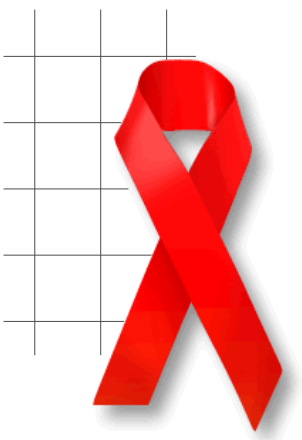
We are still working on getting the issue that some people are having with their HMO in accessing the nutritional supplements. At this time, it appears to be a problem with only one HMO. We are hoping that this issue does get resolved soon because people who are receiving these are on these drinks because of wasting and they are used to help supplement for when the clients cannot eat.

The drinks are a part of the Medicaid formulary and all of the Medicaid HMO's follow the same formulary.

We understand that this is frustrating but your Boost/Nepro/Ensure should be coming from your Medicaid HMO if you meet the Medical Criteria, and not from your PAC Waiver Case Management Agency.

You will still continue to receive your drinks while an appeal is filed so, if you do need to file an appeal, do not worry that you will not get your drinks. If you do have any questions please let your case manager know and they can try to answer them for you.

Thank you all for your patience with this matter.



"The world breaks everyone, and afterward, some are strong in the broken places."

Ernest Hemingway