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Starting out the year healthy!

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Are you looking to lose weight, quit smoking or even starting to attend AA or NA? Some of the Medicaid HMO's are offering up to 50 dollars to do this. Some of them have different financial incentives to help you be a healthier you. All of them are offering different incentives and some of them are requiring that you have to use the dollars on their own offered items but still that is an extra 50 dollars for you to spend. So if you are interested you can call your Medicaid HMO or go to their websites and sign up. Just remember that they will have you complete paperwork and do their steps but it will benefit you in the end. If you need help printing off the forms, I am sure that your case manager can help you.



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If You Have An Issue

We know that there have been a lot of problems due to the many changes to the Medicaid system at this time. If you feel that you have exhausted all options and you still feel that nothing is being resolved, you can lodge a formal complaint and it will not be used against you. You can use the link below to lodge your complaint.

http://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/statewide_mc/index.shtml

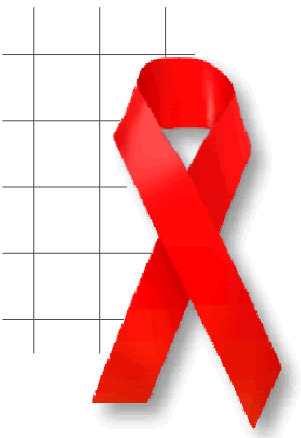
Medicaid Open Enrollment!

Just a reminder that some of you have entered into your Open Enrollment period with Medicaid. We know that a lot of you have had so many problems with your Medicaid HMO and that you want out of your plan. Just remember to check and see what plan your doctors take at this time. If you choose a plan and you learn that you do not want that plan, you can change again as long as it is in the first 90 days.

We know that this entire process has been very frustrating and overwhelming for a lot of people. Just remember that your case manager is there to help you with a lot of these issues and often knows which plans some of the Infectious Disease Doctors take.

We also know that it is very frustrating that even after you have chosen a plan that sometimes you get randomly changed into a plan that you do not want. If this happens please let your case manager know so they can help you to correct this problem.

A lot of our clients will not be able to enroll until April but some of you opted into these HMO's early so your open enrollment period is earlier than others. If you have any questions let us know.



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

Audrey Hepburn



CHA/Simply Health Care

A lot of people received a letter from Simply Health Care stating that their Medicare was ending. We understand that some people got this letter and that it was very confusing.

We just wanted to let you know that Simply Health Care had a Medicare plan in Pasco and Pinellas Counties. The Medicare plan is gone as of December 31 2014.

The Clear Health Alliance Medicaid Plan is still effective.

So if you had Simply Health Care Medicare, please call your case manager so they can help you go through the process of changing your plan and helping you with your prescription drug plan choice as well. You should have done this already but if you have not you need to call someone.



Food Pantry and Gas Cards.

We do have some food in the pantry and we have some gas cards at this time. We are limited on what we have but ask your case manager if you are in need of these things.



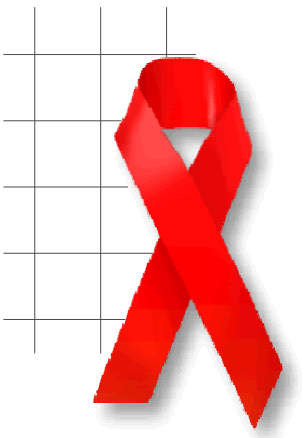
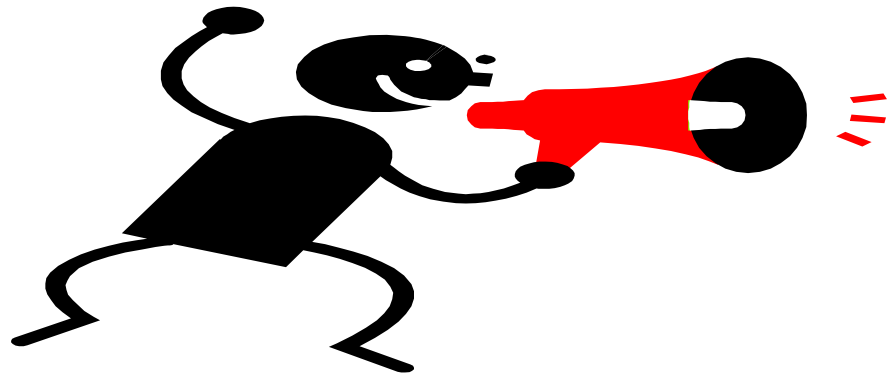
"We can't help everyone,
but everyone can help
someone"

Ronald Reagan



Triumeq Educational Program

We have a program coming up Friday January 16th
2015 at 12 pm at the Safety Harbor
Library. If you would like to attend please contact
Kerry Ann at 727-474-3749 to RSVP.



"Don't let the fear of
striking out hold you back."

Babe Ruth

If you need help or there is something that you need.
Don't hesitate to call and ask your case manager. If you
do not tell us that you are in need of something then there
is nothing that we can do to help you with that problem.

Don't be afraid to call and to ask, because if you do not
call us, we will never know what you need.