



# WCAF NEWS

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## Accessing Services!

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Navigating the system can be frustrating. That is why you have a case manager. They are supposed to be there to help you access the services that you need. If you are in need of help with housing, they should be getting applications for you and they should help you in the housing search. They are there to help and should be accessed when you have a problem. When you are in PAC Waiver, you should be hearing from your case manager, every month. They are supposed to be following up with you, to make sure that you are getting the services that you need. The goal of case management is to see that your life improves. They will set goals with you and work with you to achieve them. If there is something that you need, call your case manager. They are there to help and to make sure that you get the services and help that you need.

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### Do you need Case management?

If you or someone you know is in need of case management, we are always taking new clients. We do not believe in a wait list. We currently provide case management in Pasco, Hernando, Hillsborough, Citrus, Sumter, Pinellas, Manatee, and Polk Counties.

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## The West Central Ryan White Care Council!

Have you been wanting to get involved? Have you thought hey I can drive to Tampa? Are you in Manatee, Hardee, Highlands, Hillsborough, Polk, Pinellas, or Pasco Counties? Then come and check out the Care Council. If you are a Person Living with HIV/AIDS they will reimburse you for mileage. You have to attend 2 meetings a month and you get to see the process and be involved in the process. If you are interested, then check out their website at:

<http://thecarecouncil.org/>



## Dental Services

Just a reminder that all of the Medicaid HMO's cover some dental. They cover cleanings, extractions, some root canals, and dentures. If you are in need of these services and you have a Medicaid HMO, please contact your case manager, or the Medicaid HMO to find out who the provider is in your area.

Ryan White Dental is the payer of last resort. If you are in need of fillings and have a Medicaid HMO, Ryan White Dental will cover the fillings. You should use your Medicaid HMO first for the cleanings before you access Ryan White.



"Never go to a doctor whose office plants have died."

Erma Bombeck



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## Routine Screenings!

It is time for our yearly reminder about getting your screenings done. It is important to get your Pap Smears, Colonoscopies, and your Mammograms done, every year. These tests can detect cancer early. Cancer can be scary but if it is caught early enough, it is often treatable. We also know how uncomfortable these exams can be, but the detection that they provide is worth the uncomfortableness.

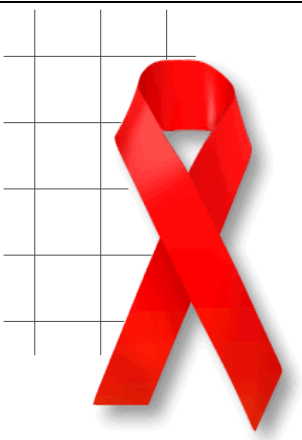
Here at WCAF, we have lost a lot of clients to the types of cancer that these tests detect. We strongly encourage everyone to get their routine screenings done.



### Boost/Ensure

Just a reminder, that American Home Patient, works with most of the Medicaid plans to help with accessing Boost/Ensure/Nepro. If you need to get this refilled, all you need to do is contact your doctor and have them start the authorization to American Home Patient.

This is a covered benefit of your Medicaid, and it is very east to access, if your doctor knows the process.



“Whether it’s the best of times or the worst of times, it’s the only time we’ve got.”

Art Buchwald



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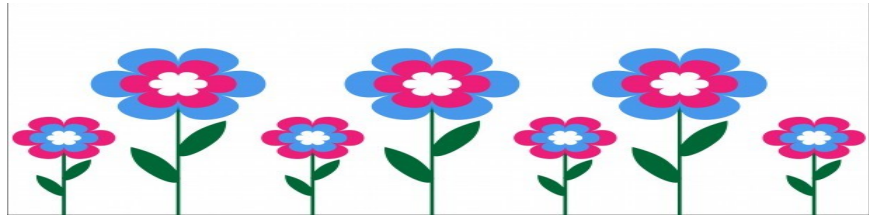
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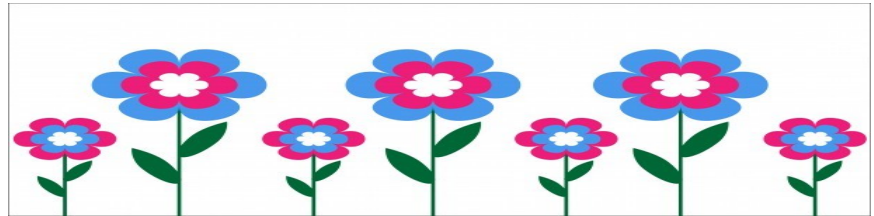
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“Man invented language to satisfy his deep need to complain. “

Lily Tomlin

