



# WCAF NEWS

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## The Changes for PAC

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There are a lot of changes going on with PAC waiver and a lot of different stories out there. No PAC Waiver is not going away, but Positive

Health Care is no longer a part of the Waiver. You still have you case manager but there are a lot of changes that we are dealing with. So according to AHCA we will be doing your annual assessments by ourselves. This means that there will not be a nurse that will be coming out with us every year, but we still have to do home visits with you so you can keep PAC Waiver. There are a lot of changes on everything that we are doing so please understand that there might be some delays with services getting approved. We know how frustrating that this is, so please understand that we are trying to get your services approved as soon as we can.



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### The MMA for Pasco and Pinellas

Effective June 1st everyone will be rolled into a MMA plan for their Medicaid. This is not changing your Medicare, just your Medicaid. Most of our clients received letters that they are being enrolled into Clear Health Alliance. Please make sure that your doctors participate with the plan.

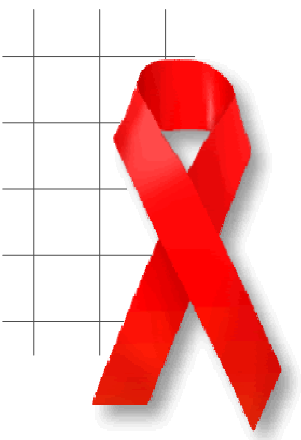
## Dental Services and the MMA

Almost all of the plans have dental coverage. If you are enrolled in a plan already and are in need of a cleaning please call your plan to see which dentists are in your area. If they say that there are none, then we can continue to utilize Ryan White Dental for your cleanings. If there are you will need to use them because Ryan White is the payer of last resort. All of the plans list that they cover 2 cleanings per year. I am not sure about fillings or other dental services, so please call your plan and find out.

## Eye Exams

All of the plans say that they cover eye exams but your eye doctor might not participate with them. So please check with your eye doctor before you make the appointment to see if they take your MMA plan. If they do not participate you will either have to pay out of pocket or see another provider. You can also try and talk to them to see if they can become a provider in your plan.

Remember all of these plans are new to us this year. We are not sure how smoothly that this transition will be but we are hoping for a very smooth transition.



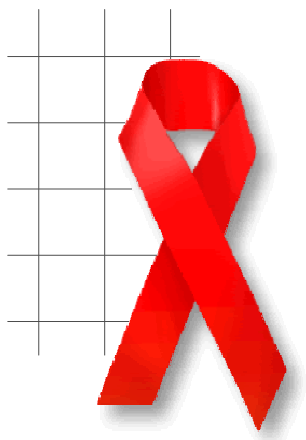
"What happens when the unstoppable force meets the immovable object?"  
They surrender."

—Superman

## The Exception Requests

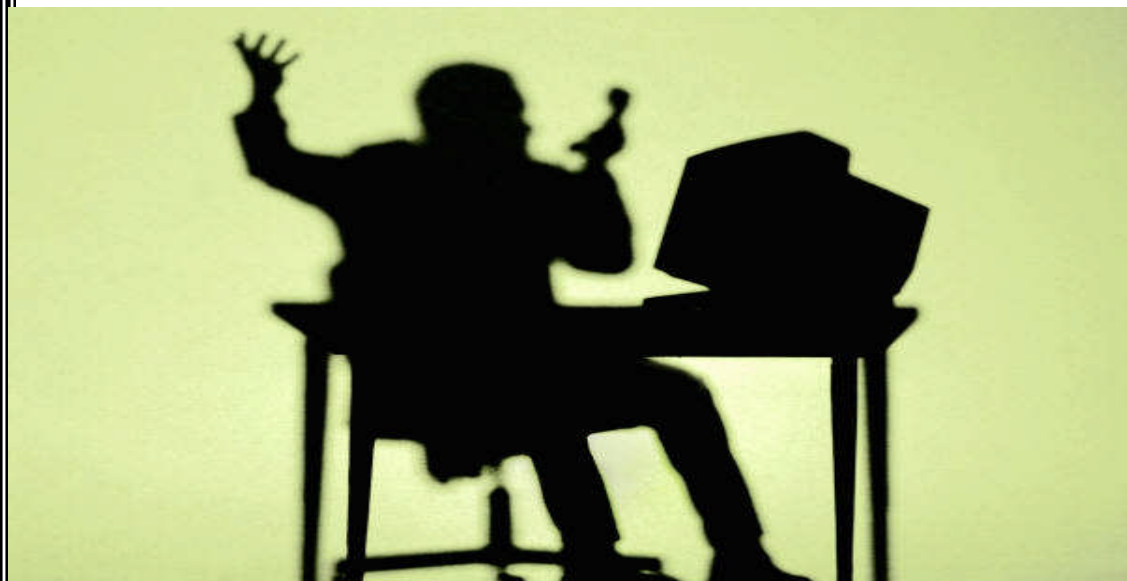
We know that people's approvals for Massage ran out on April 30th and that some people did not get their services extended. We have sent in the paperwork to AHCA and are now waiting on that approval. Positive Health Care was the agency that was completing our exception requests. We now send them directly to AHCA and wait for approval. We know that some people were missed from the list that PHC sent to AHCA, so we the case managers sent in requests for those individuals to get approval. Some people did not need exception requests based on the score that they received from PHC so your services were not interrupted. Please understand that there are a lot of changes happening at once with the waiver and it is going to cause some hiccups along the way. So please be patient with your case manager and understand that they are trying to get you services approved as fast as they can.

Thank you.



"The future is worth it. All the pain. All the tears. The future is worth the fight."

—Martian Manhunter



## The Ryan Survey

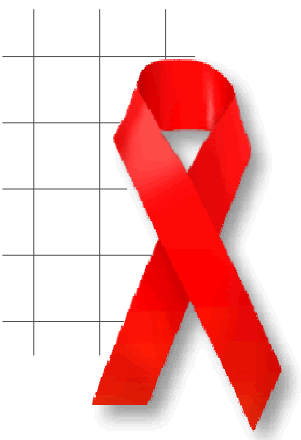
When you receive any services with Ryan White there is a survey at the providers office. They need your input.

You can take the survey home with you and fill it out and mail it back to them. The surveys are self addressed and stamped so the only thing that it will cost you is your time. These surveys help to determine how services are going, what services you see that we need and what is working. So please the next time that you are in one of the offices and receiving a Ryan White service look for the survey and take it home and fill it out.



## Gas Cards/Food Pantry

Just a reminder that we do have a Food Pantry for shelf stable items and we do have gas cards available on a limited basis. If you are in need of a gas card for your doctors appointment please let us know. We have a few gas cards and they are not to be relied upon for every doctors visit. If you do need items from our pantry please let us know. We have different canned and boxed items and some personal care supplies.



"It's not who I am underneath, but what I do that defines me."

—Batman