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The PAC Waiting List

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As of January 10th 2014 all new PAC Waiver applicants go onto a statewide waiting list. Any individual that loses contact with their case manager and loses their PAC Waiver will also go onto this waiting list. The waiting list goes in the order the applications were received not by the area of the state. So it is more important then ever that you maintain the monthly contact with your case manager. If they do not hear from you every month they will have to close your PAC Waiver case and that means you could lose your Medicaid and you will lose all of the benefits that you currently receive from PAC Waiver. As of January 31st 2014 there were 26 people on the waiting list. The list had only been open 21 days at that time. We are not sure on the exact number of people that are currently on the waiting list. We do know that at this time no one will be pulled off of the waiting list until January 2015 and that there is no guarantee that anyone will be pulled from the waiting list in January 2015. So it is more important then ever that you maintain the contact with your case worker. It is also very important that you do not ignore any paperwork from DCF. If you get letters from them requesting paperwork be completed, you need to turn that paperwork in. If they close your Medicaid, you lose your PAC Waiver and you go onto the waiting list. We at WCAF are still taking new applicants for PAC Waiver, we are completing the applications and getting people onto the waiting list. We know that ADAP has said that they will make sure that people that are on the PAC Waiver waiting list will qualify for ADAP while they wait for their PAC benefits. What this means is that you will get your medications through ADAP, they should also cover your primary care and specialist visits through ADAP as well. The main thing will be that all persons on the PAC Waiver waiting list will have to make sure that they get their eligibility done every 6 months with Ryan White. For the people in Pinellas County you will go to ASAP for your eligibility at this time and for the people in Pasco and Hernando Counties you will go to Metro, the other Counties will go to the Health Department that handles the ADAP in your County. It is very important that you keep up with your eligibility. If you miss an eligibility appointment this could delay your ADAP services. Hopefully this clears up a lot of questions about the PAC Waiver waiting list. If you have any questions please contact your case managers about what is going on and what you need to do at this time. We are hoping that this issue gets resolved very quickly because we do not want anyone to go without services that they are in need of.

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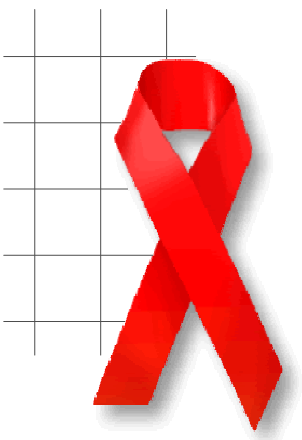


Medicaid Plans?

There are a lot of Medicaid plans rolling out in this area. We have been told that until June no one can switch their plans. They have also changed it so that anyone that is in a Medicaid HMO can now be on PAC Waiver. The one HMO that is designed for individuals with HIV is Clearhealth Alliance, but you do not have to choose that plan if you do not want to. When choosing a plan it would be beneficial to make sure that your medications are covered by that plan and that your doctors participate in that plan. These are some things to look at when choosing your future Medicaid HMO. Once enrolled in that HMO you have 90 days to decide if you are satisfied with them. After 90 days you are in that plan for one year.

Currently our dual enrolled individuals (people with Medicare/Medicaid) this does not apply to you at this time. There will be some changes in the future but not at this time.

Do not forget that Medipass will be no more after October 2014. Also do not forget that Positive Health Care will be gone after April 2014.



The weak can never
forgive . Forgiveness is an
attribute of the strong.

Mahatma Gandhi



Socials in Pasco County!

We have two upcoming socials in Pasco County both at

Nikos Place Restaurant

6818 US Highway 19 North

New Port Richey, FL 34652

March 14th 2014 with Viiv

Topic: Tivicay

12 pm to 2 pm

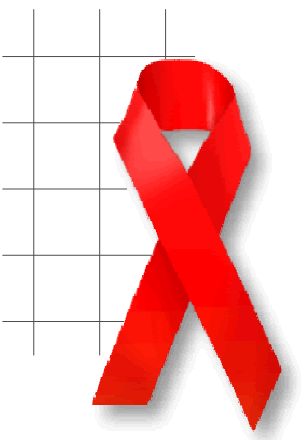
March 27th 2014 with Gilead

Topic: HIV and Substance Abuse

12 pm to 2pm

Please RSVP. Seating is limited.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Be kind whenever possible.
It is always possible.

Dalai Lama

Ryan White Satisfaction Survey

Don't forget that to get one at all of the Ryan White Providers. You can now mail the survey in because it is self addressed and stamped. All you need to do is complete the survey and mail it out. Remember your opinion matters. Tell them how they are doing with the services.

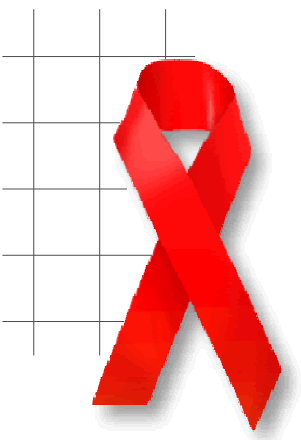
Housing.

We know that there is a waiting list for housing. Do not forget to apply for HOPWA housing when the waiting list becomes available. Remember that you can also apply at income based rental places to get on their lists as well. Don't forget to check out USDA rural loans as an option and Habitat for Humanity is also an option. If you do not apply for these programs you will not get this assistance.



Our Audit.

We have completed our annual AHCA audit here at the West Coast AIDS Foundation. As usual we enjoyed having the auditor here in our office. So please when or if they call you please be polite to them and answer their questions honestly. They are doing their job auditing us. No one is in trouble and you will not get in trouble for speaking to them. It is a quick phone call and they will call you and ask questions. Remember there is no wrong answer to their questions. So please be honest with them and treat them with respect. Thank you.



You are never too old to set
a new goal or to dream a
new dream.

C.S. Lewis