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Medicare Open Enrollment!

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It is that time of year for the Medicare Open Enrollment. This does not mean that you can change your Medicaid plan. Medicaid Open Enrollment does not start in this area until March. If you received a letter stating that your Low Income Subsidy drug plan is not going to exist next year, then please call your case manager about this. If you have had no issues and plan on keeping your drug plan and do not need to change, then you should be okay, unless you want to change your plan. If you have any questions about any of this, please call your case manager to see if they can help you. Also as a reminder, what might work for your neighbor might not work for you, so before you sign up for a program, re-search it.



Doctor's no longer talking insurance plans!

We understand that it is frustrating when your doctors inform you that they are no longer taking your MMA plan, but they can prescribe your medications for at least 3 months after they no longer participate, this should give you time to find a new doctor. This does not mean that you should wait three months to find a new doctor. If you are having issues you can call AHCA or your case manager.

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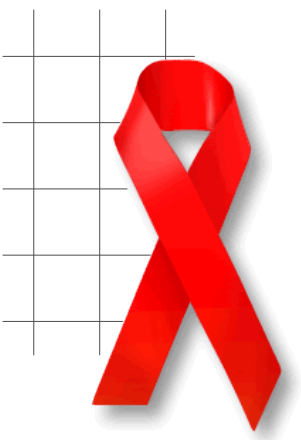
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Medicaid Open Enrollment Dates

Just a reminder that you cannot change your Medicaid plan until Open Enrollment, unless there is an extraordinary circumstance. Also some of the doctors have said that they will no longer be participating with certain plans after next year. Open Enrollment periods vary by county and you need to pay attention to the mail you receive so you can change plans if you need to. We know that it is so confusing with all of the different open enrollment dates but we are here to try and help with that.

The Affordable Care Act Open Enrollment

This time is also a part of the ACA open enrollment. Just a reminder that if you are in an ADAP plan with them that you should wait to choose a new plan or to re-enroll, because they have not had a chance to review the plans for next year. So if you have received your notice to sign up again, just wait and talk to your ADAP worker before you go forward with that.



“Life doesn’t give us purpose. We give life purpose.”

The Flash

Holiday Assistance.

If you are in need of assistance for the Holiday's you need to apply for it at this time. A lot of agencies will be closing their lists soon and you will not be able to get assistance. If you are not sure who would be able to help you in your area, you can always call 211 or ask your case manager.

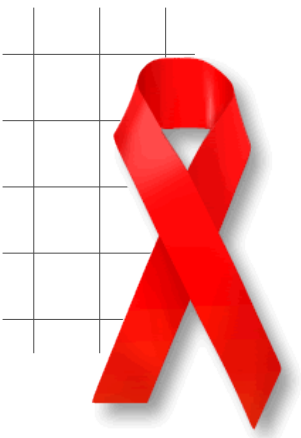


The Ryan White Care Council

The Ryan White Care Council needs you!

They are looking for members to join the Care Council. You will have to attend 2 meetings a month, most are in Tampa but you will be reimbursed for mileage if you are a PLWHA. They want to hear from you. If you are interested in a joining you can fill out the application online at.

<http://thecarecouncil.org/membershipvolunteer/>



**"Our fate lives within us,
you only have to be brave
enough to see it."**

Merida

