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EQ Health What is that?

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Some of you have received an odd letter from a company called EQ Health. Do not throw away this letter. This is your approval for services, such as massage or homemaker. If you have received this letter, please call your case manager and get them a copy of this letter. We have been waiting on EQ to mail out the copies and some of them have been going to the clients homes. Some people have been throwing away this letter because they are not sure what it is. Please do not throw this letter away. Your case manager needs this letter to get your services approved. They have recently changed how they are doing things at EQ Health and this has been a big hiccup. So please if you have this letter, call your case manager and let them know.

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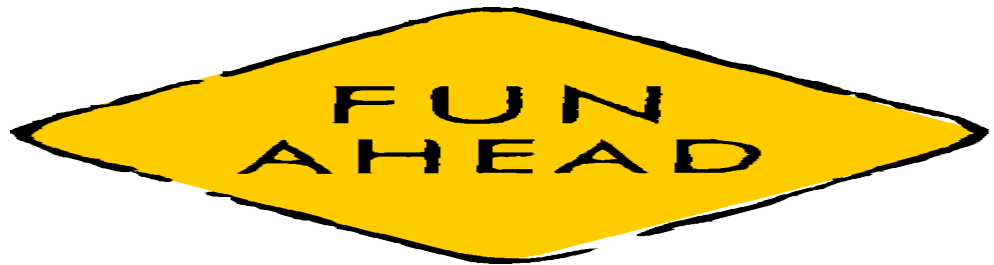
Do you need Case management?

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.

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/>



Casino Night!!!

We are hosting our annual Casino Night again. Tickets are 35 dollars and are available from a staff member or one of our Board Members. The event will take place on October 8th 2016 at 7 pm at the Verizon Event Center, located at 8718 Trouble Creek Rd New Port Rich-ey, FL 34655. We will have exciting games, a DJ, cupcakes and finger foods, a cash bar and amazing prizes. If you would like more information, please contact Brandi at 727-375-8664. We hope to see you there!



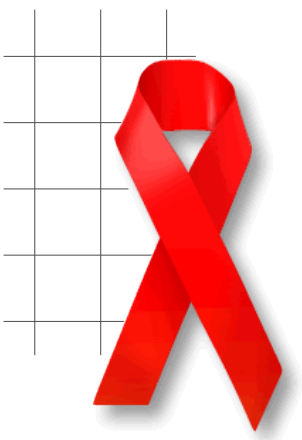
"People say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing everyday."

Winnie The Pooh

Boost is a covered benefit!

We know that some of you have received denial letters for Boost/Ensure/Nepro, claiming it is not a covered benefit. It is a covered benefit and it is listed on the Medicaid Website as being a benefit of all of the plans. If this has happened to you, you can appeal this decision or lodge a complaint with the Agency for Healthcare Administration. You can also contact your local Congress people to let them know how Medicaid denied you services that it should not have. We are not sure why this HMO continues to deny basic covered services. We are hoping that they will start following the basic formulary that all of the other HMO's have to follow, but if you have been denied, please let your case manager know.

Surveys, Surveys, Surveys!



It is that time of year again, where we mail out to all of our clients the anonymous survey, please make sure that you return it to us as soon as you can. It is also that time of year when the Ryan White Survey is being sent out.

All of these Survey's are important because it is your chance to tell them, what it is that you want. So please take the time and complete these survey's.

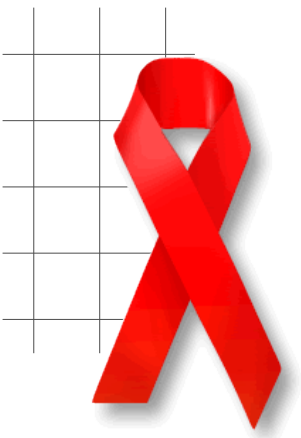
"Dear frozen yogurt: you are the celery of desserts. Be ice cream, or be nothing. Zero stars."
- Ron Swanson

Holiday Help!

Don't forget that if you are going to be in need of help for the upcoming holiday season, remember that they start registration for this usually in September or October. Remember that you will need birth certificates, picture ids, and proof of your income. So start trying to get that together, to make signing up a lot easier this year. If you have any questions about where to go for help, call your case manager.

HOPWA !

If you are in need of housing, there are waiting lists available that your case manager can help to put you on. We know that housing is important. We work with all of the HOPWA agencies to make sure that our clients are able to be placed on the lists. If you want to know if you are on the HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS) please call your case manager. Every county has a different list that we attempt to access and place people on. Some of those lists are closed at this time and others are open but they are a waiting list. We can also attempt to help you find other options while we are waiting. So if you are in need of assistance, just let us know.



"Sucking at something is the first step to becoming sorta good at something,:"

Jake the Dog