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Open Enrollment

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Tis the season for the pink envelopes from the Agency for Healthcare Administration. What this means is that if you want to change your plan you can change it but it will not take effect until your counties assigned date. So if you are in Hernando, Citrus and Sumter Counties your plan would change in May if you choose to change. In Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsborough, and Manatee if you choose to change it will take effect in June. Remember that if you want to change your plan, this is the time to do that. If you do not change, you will be locked into this plan for another year. If you have any questions, call your case manager. They are there to help you with this process and should be able to call your doctors to see if they take your Medicaid plan. It can be frustrating trying to see if your doctors will be taking your plan but if you make sure that they are in network, it will save you a lot of hassle later on. Also please watch for any letter that says that your plan is changing. If you ignore these letters they will change your plan and that can often delay a lot of access to treatment.

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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 ACA, Medicaid and Medicare, Oh My!

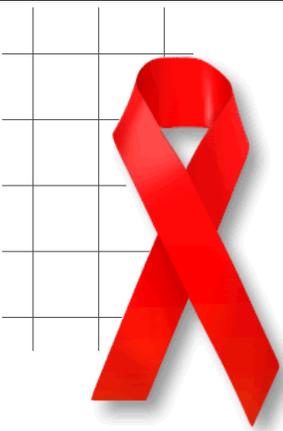
A lot of you have been watching the news and calling us with questions about what this means for you and your insurance and our answer has been that we do not know. We really do not know what they are going to pass and what they are going to approve. The only people that will know of have your answers are your elected officials. They are the ones that can answer these questions. Here in Pasco and Pinellas one of our elected officials sits on the Health Subcommittee that is working on this bill that will affect these programs. His name is Gus Bilirakis. All of the Elected Officials say that they want to hear from their constituents. We recommend that you contact him with your questions and your concerns about your healthcare (727) 232-2921. We hate having to tell people that we do not know and hearing how scared that a lot of you are is heart-breaking to us. So we encourage you to reach out to your elected officials and tell them your issues and your concerns. Remember they do represent you and if you do not reach out to them, they will not know about how this will affect you a person that they represent.

Proposed HUD Budget Cuts

We know that right now things are very uncertain. We know that when people see things in the news about programs that they are in being eliminated, it can be quite concerning. We want to remind everyone that the budget cuts that they are recommending for HUD are still in the proposal process. If you have questions and concerns about this you need to contact your elected officials and tell them your fears and concerns. We can listen to your fears and concerns but they want to hear from you. We really encourage you to call or write them and tell them about your concerns. If you do not know who your official is and you do have a computer you can go to

<https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>

Or call a friend who has a computer and have them look them up for you.



**“I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.”
Will Rogers**

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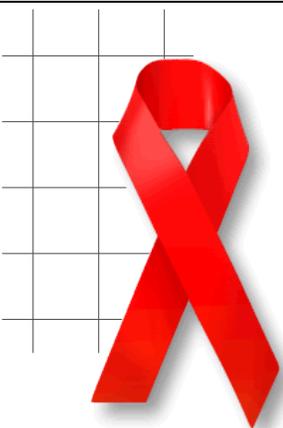
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Thank You!

We want to take a moment to thank the people that are volunteering their time for our Honorary Governor Campaign. We appreciate all that they have done for us and cannot wait to win this fundraiser race. We appreciate all of the time that you have given us and are grateful to this community for coming out and supporting us in this fundraiser challenge. We feel honored that all of you were willing to work with us and donate your time to us. We are glad to know that there are people like you that are out there to help our cause. Thank you for all that you do!

Make Sure!

With all of the fraud that happens here in Florida, we want to remind everyone to make sure that the people that they are talking to, are who they say they are. We know that there have been a lot of scam phone calls going around. If you do not think the caller is real, then ask them for a call back number and then call and ask your case manager or google search the number or the company. Also we have heard about some people that they are being asked to join a new agency. As far as we know there is no new agency that is approved at this time by AHCA. What that means is that if you attempt to transfer your PAC case to an unapproved agency, you will lose your services and your Medicaid. If someone is telling you that they are a case management agency, you can ask them for their approved agency name and their approved agency Medicaid number. If they cannot produce this, then they are not an approved agency. If you have any questions please call your case manager.



“Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else. “

Margaret Mead

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On May 10th 2017 come on out to Hamburger Mary's in Clearwater to support our agency and win some awesome prizes.

For only 20 dollars you can win the honor of being in the room and playing Bingo at Hamburger Mary's. It is a good time for all and a great way to raise money for our cause. So if you are going please RSVP to 727-400-6996.

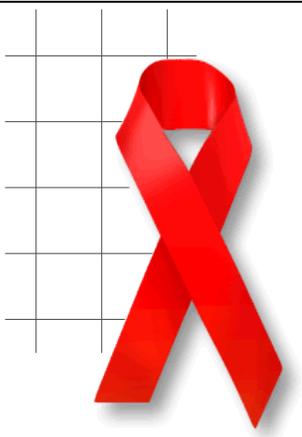


Honorary Governors Debate!

On April 13th 2017 we will be participating in the Honorary Governor's Debate for the West Pasco Chamber of Commerce!

This will take place at the Verizon Event Center at the corner of Little Rd and Trouble Creek.

Tickets are available for 20 dollars on the Chamber Website at <https://westpasco.com/>



"People say satire is dead. It's not dead; it's alive and living in the White House."

Robin Williams

