



# WCAF NEWS

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## The MMA and Issues

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We keep hearing from people that they are having issues with their doctors not taking their Medicaid plan and being charged a copay. If your

doctor does not participate with your Medicaid plan they have to charge you a copay. You will need to either change plans or change doctors. The Medicaid HMO's are new to us all. This has not been an issue in the past because everyone was in Medipass and their was not these HMO issues. If you have not received your HMO card please call 727-552-1900 they can help you with the card issues and answer the questions that you might have. If you are being denied your medications or other services at this time please contact AHCA so they can address the issue. We expect that there will be some issues with the roll out and changes that are happening to the Medicaid plans, but if you are being denied access to your care or other issues please contact Medicaid and let them know. If you have access to the internet you can go online at [http://www.ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/statewide\\_mc/](http://www.ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/statewide_mc/). You will also find a FAQ section as well. Please make sure that you contact someone with your issues immediately because once you have been in the plan for 90 days you are in it for the next year. So make sure that your doctors take the plan and that your medications are covered.

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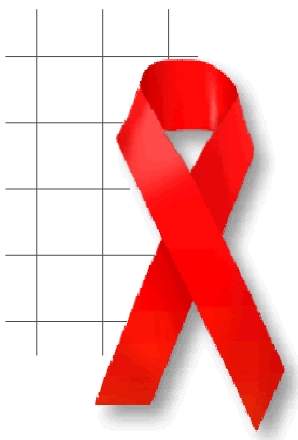
## Dental Services and the MMA

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."

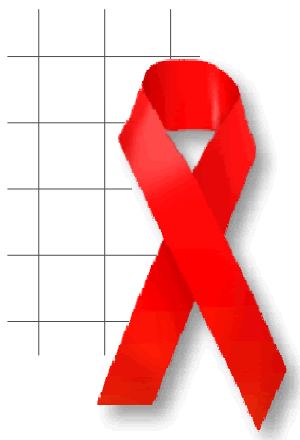
—Superman

## Ryan White and the ACA

If you have a plan from the Healthcare.gov website and you are HIV positive and you are having problems with you copays and premium payments, you can call someone for assistance.

People that are in these plans can contact the local Ryan White Providers to receive assistance with these payments. Contact the Ryan White Provider in your area to see how you can access these services. If you have any questions about this you can always call the agency to find out what you need to do to receive this benefit.

Also a reminder that when you do receive services from a Ryan White provider please take and complete a survey. These surveys help with funding. It is important to get your voice heard. There are a lot of changes that are happening right now. Do not forget that your voice does matter.



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

—Martian Manhunter



## New Case Managers

There are some new names on the front page of this newsletter. We at the West Coast AIDS Foundation have 2 new Case Managers. Kerry Ann and Amanda. They are both getting trained and getting ready to meet the clients. Amanda is going to be covering Hernando, Citrus, Sumter, and parts of Pasco Counties, and Kerry Ann is going to be covering Pinellas and some Pasco as well. They are both up and running and we are working on getting them their PAC numbers. So please feel free to call them and introduce yourself.

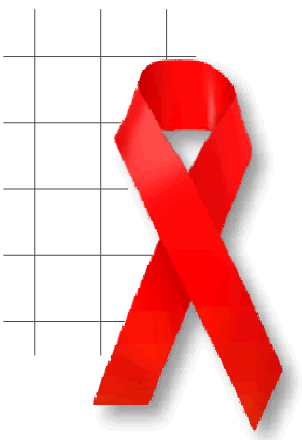


### HIV and the Brain!

We have a social coming up at Niko's in New Port Richey  
on July 23rd at 12 pm

Presented by AHF and Cheryl.

The topic is HIV and the Brain. If you are interested in attending please let us know. You must RSVP because seating is limited.



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

—Batman