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## MAY / JUNE 2022 ISSUE

## **KICK OFF SUMMER WITH G0365!**

Let Go365 help you step into a healthier you this summer! Take steps and get to a higher status in Go365 and get more Bucks to spend in the Go365 Mall!

#### **GO365 ACTIVITY OPTIONS:**

- Health assessment
- Daily fitness (earn up to 50 Points daily)
   At home workouts just take a picture! (10 Points)
  - Fitness devices or apps
- Challenges (Up to 200 Points per month)
- Weekly logs App (10 Points per week)
- Sleep diary App (25 Points per week)
- Fitness habits App (25 Points per month)
- Daily health quiz App (2 Points daily)
- Virtual 5K (250 Points)
- Online first aid/CPR certification (150 Points)
- Recommended activities (400-1200 Points)
  - Courses
  - Campaigns
  - Calculators
- Health coaching

#### Now available! Biometric screening at home kits! (up to 4,000 Points)

If you're enrolled in a PEHT medical plan, you have Go365 and are eligible for a biometric screening at no cost to you. Plus, you earn Go365 Points for completing your screening. To make completing your screening easier, we are offering at home biometric testing kits that you can order to have shipped directly to your house. Once the test is completed you will return in the mail for results to be processed and automatically loaded to Go365.

To order these kits, you will go to Health and Wellness Professionals website at participant. solutionsforyourwellness.com/product/peht/ and complete the request form. When you order the kit, you will pay upfront, but will be reimbursed by the Public Education Health Trust once your results are received and processed by Health and Wellness Professionals.

Reminder that completing the biometric screening can earn you up to 4,000 Go365 Points!

#### Not registered for Go365 yet? Get started and register on the Go365 website or mobile app:

- 1. Online at Go365.com
  - Go to Go365.com
  - Click 'Register'
  - Register using your Member ID\*, DOB and zip code
  - Create a username and password
- 2. Go365 mobile app (available for download from the Apple Store or Google Play)

- Download the Go365 mobile app
- Click 'Register'
- Register using your Member ID\*, DOB and zip code
- Create a username and password

#### LOG A VERIFIED WORKOUT – IT'S AS EASY AS WALKING 1,000 STEPS!

Want an easy way to rack up Points in Go365<sup>®</sup>? Log a verified workout. Whether you walk around your neighborhood, dance, bike or rake leaves, members can track their steps, heart rate, calories burned and more!

- Earn up to 50 Points in fitness each day.
- Earn 500 Points the first time you log a workout in Go365.
- Earn 50 bonus Points when you earn more than 50 workout Points in a week and an additional 50 when you earn more than 100 workout Points in a week (week is defined as Sunday through Saturday).

Plus, logging a workout can get you out of Blue Status. Just make sure you've connected a Go365compatible device, linked your account to a participating fitness facility or digital connection or submitted photo proof. For helpful resources, visit our YouTube page at **youtube.com/Go365Now** and search for these videos:

- How to choose the right fitness device for you
- How to log a verified workout

#### WHAT KIND OF REWARDS CAN I EARN?

The Go365 Mall has lots of options!

- E-gift cards from places such as Amazon, Target and Lowes
- Fitness devices, equipment and apparel
- Donate your bucks as cash to many charity options

These are just some of the great options for you to use your earned bucks in the Go365 program! In addition, you can receive deals and discounts from places like Priceline, The Biggest Loser Resort, Rock n' Roll Marathon series and more, just by being a Go365 member.

DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE IN YOUR WELL-BEING THROUGH THE GO365 PROGRAM!



" Why is the first day we're out of school circled in *black*?"

## **OPEN ENROLLMENT HAS ARRIVED!**

#### **OPEN ENROLLMENT RUNS FROM MAY 9 - JUNE 17, 2022.**

If you are enrolled and want to change the plan selection offered by your Association/Employer, you should receive an invitation for open enrollment in early May. You will need to complete the online enrollment (or a paper enrollment form) and submit it no later than June 17, 2022.

In completing your enrollment, list the dependents for whom you wish to provide coverage. If they are enrolled, you do not have to provide additional documentation; however, you will need to place their names on the enrollment form, which confirms that you want to continue providing them coverage.

If you are adding dependents who are not now enrolled, you must include verification that they are an eligible dependent (e.g., marriage or birth certificate, etc.). Please contact either the Trust or your Human Resources Department to learn your options.

If you are currently waived and want to enroll, you must submit your enrollment along with required documents to the Trust no later than June 17, 2022.

If you are currently enrolled and want to waive coverage, you must submit your waiver through the online portal, or submit a paper form to the Trust office, no later than June 17, 2022. Please note: some school districts require proof of other coverage to be eligible to waive coverage from this plan. Please contact your Human Resources Department for their criteria.

#### **CHANGES EFFECTIVE JULY 1**

- Your BridgeHealth Surgery Benefit and Sword Health Virtual Physical Therapy Benefit are now both known as BridgeHealth Surgery Care. You still receive
  the same quality care, and the benefits remain the same (no cost chare to participants under the Traditional Plans, and no coinsurance for HDHP Plan
  participants).
- There is no longer a separate deductible applied to inpatient hospital stays.
- There is no longer a separate Emergency Room deductible.

The Trust recommends that you review the list of your dependents to ensure accuracy. With appropriate documentation the Trust will provide coverage for spouses, qualified domestic partners, children up to the age of 26 and individuals for whom you are the legal guardian up to the age of 18. A complete listing of your dependents can be found on your miBenefits secured portal at miBenefits.ebms.com.



## TOP 5 MYTHS OF HEART HEALTH

#### Heart disease is common, but it is not inevitable. There are lifestyle changes that we can all implement to reduce the risk of developing cardiovascular problems, whatever our age.

But did you know that globally, heart health is the number one cause of death. It is responsible for nearly 20 million deaths each year. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in the United States, one person dies every 36 seconds from cardiovascular disease and accounts for 1 in 4 deaths nationally.

Check out these five commonly held but mistaken beliefs. Replacing these myths with truths will give you the information you need so you and your doctor can plan the best path to a healthy heart.

#### 1. Heart disease only affects men

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in both men and women. It is a common misconception that only men are affected by heart disease. It is true that men tend to develop cardiovascular disease at an earlier age than women and have a greater risk of coronary heart disease. However, women have a higher risk of stroke.

#### 2. Cardiac arrest and heart attack are the same

Heart attacks and cardiac arrests are actually quite different. A heart attack is a circulation problem. It occurs when the coronary artery, which carries oxygenated blood to the muscles of the heart, becomes blocked.

A cardiac arrest is an "electrical problem," where the heart stops pumping blood around the body effectively. Cardiac arrests are often caused by a heart attack and both are serious medical emergencies.

#### 3. Heart disease runs in my family, so there is nothing I can really do about it

If close family members have experienced heart disease, it could certainly mean that you have an increased risk, however, there are a number of ways to reduce the risk, even for people with a genetic susceptibility, such as:

- Eating a healthful diet
- Managing blood pressure
- Exercising regularly

It is also worth noting that if heart disease runs in the family, it may not be a sign of genetic susceptibility. Families tend to share lifestyle factors, such as diet and exercise habits, both of which can impact the risk of heart disease.

#### 4. I don't need to have my cholesterol checked until I'm middle-aged

Actually, the American Heart Association recommends that people should start getting their cholesterol every 5 years starting at age 20. It's a good idea to start having a cholesterol test even earlier if your family has a history of heart disease. Children in these families can have high cholesterol levels, putting them at increased risk for developing heart disease as adults.

5. I am not super overweight or obese, so I don't need to watch what I eat or be concerned about my cholesterol

Regardless of your body weight, what you eat makes a big difference for your health and high cholesterol doesn't discriminate. To stay healthy and prevent heart disease, you want to eat a diet that emphasizes fruits and vegetables, whole grains and good sources of protein, such as nuts and legumes, eggs and poultry.

Additionally, cold-water fish, such as salmon, mackerel and herring are packed with Omega-3 fatty acids, which can lower blood fats. Try to limit saturated fat, trans fat, sodium, red meat, sweets and sugary beverages.

#### THE TAKE-AWAY

Relying on false assumptions can be dangerous to your heart. Cardiovascular disease kills more Americans each year than any other disease. But you can boost your heart smarts by separating fact from fiction. And remember, though heart disease is common, it is not inevitable. There are lifestyle changes that we can all implement to reduce the risk of developing cardiovascular problems, whatever our age.

## **YOU'VE GOT THIS**

#### Your online provider directory makes healthy simpler

Finding a doctor or other health care professional is an important part of staying healthy. Our online directory helps make it simpler. It offers you up-to-date information about providers — and it's available online, anytime.

#### **PROVIDER DETAILS**

To visit our online directory, simply go to **aetna.com/asa**. Begin searching for a doctor using your location — ZIP, city, county or state. You can use either the general or category search to see provider details that typically include:

- Board certification
- Hospital affiliation
- Medical school/year of graduation
- Gender
- Website address (if available)
- Specialties
- Languages spoken

You can also see additional provider information that can include: participation information\*, other office locations, whether they're accepting new patients, maps, driving directions and more.

#### **ADDITIONAL FEATURES**

You'll be able to find specialty care, too. Like a list of transplant facilities or pediatric congenital heart surgery facilities that are part of our Institutes of Excellence™ network.

#### NARROWING YOUR SEARCH

Want to refine your search even further? Multiple options are available. You can easily:

- Filter by provider characteristics such as:
  - Specialty
  - Languages spoken
  - Gender
  - Board certification
  - Hospital affiliation
  - Accepting new patients
  - Performance such as Aexcel\*\* providers or Institutes of Excellence and Institutes of Quality<sup>®</sup> facilities
- Expand or reduce the geographic radius of your results
- Sort by best matched or distance
- View a map to see the locations of results and get driving directions
- Print results

If you wish to view additional information about providers, detail pages are available (on selected providers).

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## PROVIDENCE

#### WHAT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE EXPRESSCARE CLINICS?

ExpressCare providers treat common conditions and offer convenient exams and lab tests. All exams are conducted in private rooms. If it turns out you need more than what is available at an ExpressCare clinic, Providence Alaska has a network of providers, clinics and hospitals to help you feel better.

Providence ExpressCare accepts patients 18 months of age and older.

#### ExpressCare Common Conditions

- Cold, flu and allergies
- Cough, congestion and asthma
- Ear, nose and throat issues
- Urinary tract infections

#### **ExpressCare Screenings and Tests**

- Strep test
- Mono test

#### **ExpressCare Locations**

- Huffman: 1389 Huffman Park Drive, Suite 110, Anchorage
- Midtown Mall: 2900 Seward Hwy., Suite D, Anchorage
- Tikahtnu: 1118 N. Muldoon Road,

#### Providence Alaska opens new Midtown primary care, urgent care clinics

Providence Medical Group has opened a new primary care clinic in Midtown Anchorage to better serve the community's health care needs. The clinic is

co-located with Providence's first urgent care clinic in Alaska and a rehabilitative therapy gym.

The clinics offer same-day, high-quality care to patients of all ages. Primary care appointments are available 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Friday, and 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Saturdays, and urgent care appointments are available 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Saturday.

The Providence Midtown clinics are located at 1200 W. Northern Lights Blvd. in the space previously occupied by REI.

Visit blog.providence.org/regional-blog-news/providence-alaska-opens-new-midtown-primary-care-urgent-care-clinics to learn about services offered at both clinics and how to schedule an appointment.

## **SPECIALTY PHARMACY NETWORK CHANGE JULY 1, 2022**

The Public Education Health Trust (PEHT) plan regularly reviews its pharmacy programs for effectiveness and value including evaluating ways to improve the member experience. We would like to share a change in the plan's specialty pharmacy network.

#### WHAT IS CHANGING?

Starting July 1, 2022, Optum® Specialty Pharmacy will be the exclusive specialty pharmacy for PEHT.

#### WHO IS OPTUM SPECIALTY PHARMACY?

Optum Specialty Pharmacy does more than just fill prescriptions for specialty medications. They give resources and one-on-one support such as:

- Virtual visits let you connect face-to-face with our care team. You can even ask for a real-time video chat with an expert in your condition
- Pharmacists answer questions about your specialty medication 24/7
- A clinical care team to help you understand your specialty medication
- Nurses available to discuss infusion services
- Access to supplies you may need to take your medication at no extra cost
- Refill reminders

#### HOW WILL IMPACTED MEMBERS BE NOTIFIED OF THIS CHANGE?

If you currently fill specialty medications at a different specialty pharmacy, you will be sent a letter prior to the July 1, 2022 effective date. The letter will explain how to start the transfer process.

#### **READY TO GET STARTED?**

Please call (855) 427-4682 to start using Optum Specialty Pharmacy. You can also visit specialty.optumrx.com.

#### Skin conditions

- Sprains and strains
- Cuts and scrapes
- Stitches
- Pregnancy test
- Sports and school physicals
- Flu test
- Eagle River: 17101 Snowmobile Lane, Suite 114
- Wasilla: 1861 E. Parks Hwy.

ExpressCare Virtual: Patients can receive care without

If a higher level of care or follow-up is needed, ExpressCare clinicians can help patients navigate to primary care based on patient convenience. If patients are unable to be treated during a visit to an ExpressCare location and must be referred elsewhere, they are not charged for their visit.

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