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MEMBER *Source*

A Newsletter for CareSource® Medicare Advantage Members

The Best Thing Next to a **HOUSE CALL!**

Telehealth lets you talk to a provider over the phone or computer. Your primary care provider (PCP) and others may offer telehealth services. Call your PCP's office for details.

Telehealth services are great for treating many conditions over the phone or computer, such as:

- Medication follow-up (with the prescriber)
- Coughs/colds/flu
- Allergies/sinus
- Minor injuries
- Minor infections
- Sore throat/fever
- Rashes
- And more

If your PCP doesn't offer telehealth or has limited hours, you can call MYidealDOCTOR® anytime, day or night. Feel better faster with MYidealDOCTOR. Use the CareSource App to connect, call 1-855-879-4332, or visit [MYidealDOCTORtelehealth.com](https://www.MYidealDOCTORtelehealth.com).

If you're not sure of the best way to get care or if you need medical advice, call the CareSource24® Nurse Advice Line. The number is on the back of this newsletter and on your CareSource member ID card.




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NEW

My CareSource Rewards Program[®]

You can earn up to **\$100 on a VISA[®] Rewards Card each year!**

As a member, you are automatically enrolled in this program and should have received program information and a VISA Rewards Card in the mail. As you complete a healthy activity, CareSource will notify you that your reward has been automatically loaded to your VISA Rewards Card. The great news is, your rewards card can be used anywhere VISA is accepted*. Be sure to activate your rewards card prior to use!

See My CareSource Rewards on CareSource.com and the member portal for additional information and a complete list of healthy activities that qualify for rewards.

Go to **CareSource.com/oh/plans/medicare/benefits-services/additional-services/rewards/my-caresource-rewards/**.

If you have not received your VISA Rewards Card, call Member Services.

**The VISA Rewards Card cannot be used for alcohol, tobacco or firearms. Rewards use is restricted from the following: drinking places, liquor stores, tobacco stores and stands, and firearms. Other restrictions may apply. Members can see a complete listing of restrictions at www.HealthyBenefitsPlus.com/CareSource.*






Heart Failure and Medications

Heart failure is a chronic condition in which the heart doesn't pump blood as well as it should. Heart failure is often treated with a combination of medications. Work with your primary care provider (PCP) to find the best treatment plan for you. Your PCP may need to change your dosages based on your blood test results to make sure they are working safely.

Here are a few tips to keep in mind:

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- Make a list of the medications you take and share it with all of your providers. Carry the list with you at all times.
 - Talk to your PCP about any over-the-counter (OTC) drugs or supplements you are taking. They can worsen heart failure.
 - Some OTC drugs such as ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin IB), naproxen sodium (Aleve), and diet pills may lead to fluid buildup.
 - Be careful about taking supplements. Some may interfere with heart failure medications.
 - Talk to your PCP if you have any side effects.
 - Don't stop taking any medications without talking to your PCP first.



MEDICATION SAFETY

*Remember, medication
safety starts with
YOU!*

Taking medications as prescribed by your PCP is vital to your health. Did you know that good communication with your care team is just as important?

Your PCP may change your dose or switch your medication based on how you react to treatment. Not keeping track of all these changes could lead to medication errors. The best way to prevent errors is by talking with your PCP and pharmacist.

If you are starting or stopping a medication, ask your PCP for a new medication list and review it at the end of the visit. Let your pharmacist know of any changes. Your pharmacist can tell you how to take your medications. They can also discontinue any old prescriptions in your pharmacy record so they aren't accidentally filled.

You Have **Options!**



Don't put off getting medical care because of COVID-19 fears. As our communities open, we should all adopt safe practices, like frequent hand-washing, social distancing, and wearing face masks when needed. These practices make us all safer!

You have options for care.

If you aren't sure where to go, call the CareSource24® Nurse Advice Line. Nurses are available to speak with you 24/7/365. The number is on the back of this newsletter, and on your CareSource member ID card.



Primary Care Provider (PCP)

Usually open during regular business hours. Appointment needed. For routine care, common illnesses and advice. May also offer telehealth. Contact your PCP's office to find out. Visit your doctor the most often!



Telehealth & MYidealDOCTOR®

Convenient access to a doctor by phone or computer, from wherever you are. Your PCP may offer telehealth. Contact their office to find out. If your PCP is not available, call MYidealDOCTOR at **1-855-879-4332** or visit **myidealdoctortelehealth.com**.



Convenience Care Clinics

Usually open seven days a week with evening and weekend hours. When your PCP is not available. Inside many local drug and grocery stores. Use for common illnesses such as coughs, sinusitis, colds, sore throats, and immunizations.



Urgent Care

Usually open seven days a week with evening and weekend hours. When your PCP is not available. Your condition or injury can't wait. For common illnesses, x-rays, deep cuts, etc.



Hospital Emergency Room

Open 24 Hours a day, 365 days a year. When you are very sick or need immediate help. For life-threatening situations such as chest pain or a head injury.



Connect with MYidealDOCTOR® Telehealth Services Through the CareSource Mobile App:

You have one touch access to a health care provider, day or night, 24/7/365. You can connect with MYidealDOCTOR right from the home screen. See helpful information about how to schedule your MYidealDOCTOR visit in the app.

Our Mobile App Also Has These Easy-to-Use Features!



Digital ID Card

View and share your digital CareSource member ID card.



Call a Nurse

Call CareSource24®, our Nurse Advice Line, and speak to a nurse 24/7/365.



Message Center

Get news and reminders from CareSource.



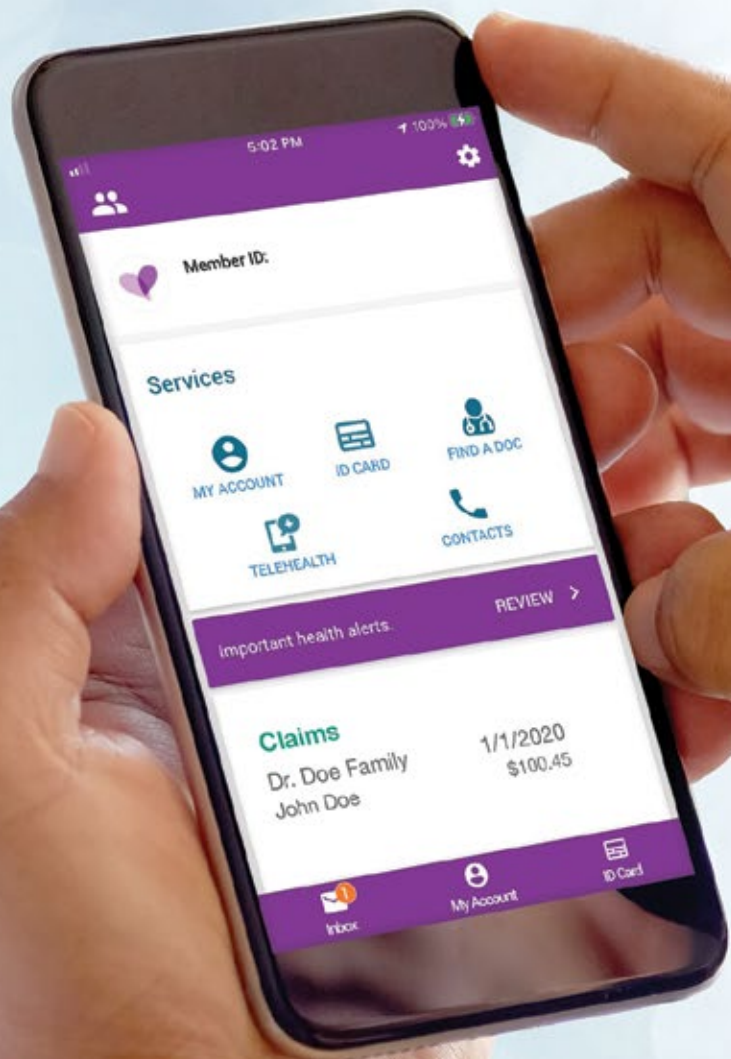
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**Some features will not become active until your plan's effective date.*

Smoking and Tobacco Use

Tobacco use can lead to tobacco/nicotine dependence and major health problems. Smoking and using tobacco harms almost all organs in the body. When you stop smoking or using tobacco products, you cut the risk of smoking-related diseases such as heart attacks, strokes, and certain cancers.

The good news is smokers can - and do - quit for good. **Since 2002, there have been more former than current smokers.** If you quit smoking, it will be easier to breathe so you can be more active. By quitting smoking, you will help protect those around you from health risks linked to breathing secondhand smoke. You will also have more money in your wallet. Studies show that a person who smokes one pack a day will save over \$2,000 a year!



To get help and quit for good, call 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669). Coaches can counsel you over the phone for free. Nicotine replacement therapy, such as nicotine patches and gum, is available to eligible members.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



Go Green: Go Paperless!

Your My CareSource account now gives you the ability to tell us if you want to receive communication from us through email or text instead of through the mail. Cut down on paper and get the information you need faster.

Go to the Preferences tab on your **MyCareSource.com** account and tell us that you want email or text when possible. We can't send you everything electronically, but when we can, we will.

Now you can get a paperless invoice! Make sure you tell us you want your invoice electronically. We will send you a text or email each month letting you know your invoice is ready to view on **MyCareSource.com**.



How Robocalls Work



Robocalls are auto-dialed calls that have a pre-recorded message. Many robocalls are valid, like calls from your primary care provider reminding you about your visit. Some robocalls are scams that may pressure you to buy something or give your personal information over the phone. Know the signs of fraudulent robocalls so you can protect yourself from scams. Here are a few tips to help spot a fraudulent robocall:

- **You're urged to act quickly.**
- **You're asked to press a number to be taken off of a call list or to speak to a live person.**
- **You're asked to wire money or send a prepaid money or gift card.**

DO'S:

- **Do verify the caller.** If the call claims to be from Social Security or Internal Revenue Service (IRS), hang up and look up the phone number. Call and ask if they tried to reach you.
- **Do add your name** to the National Do Not Call Registry at [DoNotCall.gov](https://www.donotcall.gov).

Source: [fcc.gov](https://www.fcc.gov)

DON'TS:

- **Don't answer calls from an unknown number.** Let it go to voicemail.
- **Don't press any keys or reply to a message.**
- **Don't give any personal information over the phone.** This includes your credit card or Social Security number or Medicaid ID number.

Drug List Updates



CareSource has an easy to [search drug list](#) on our website. Find out which drugs are covered under your plan by going to the **Find My Prescriptions** link under Member Tools & Resources. It is updated monthly so you'll find the most up-to-date list of drugs. If you don't have access to the internet, we can help. Member Services can help you find out if a medication is covered and its cost to you.

Prior Authorization List Changes Coming January 1, 2021

There are times when CareSource must preapprove some services before you get them. We call this prior authorization (PA). This means that your provider must get approval from us. They must do this before they can give you certain services. They will know how to do this. You may have to pay for services if your provider does not get a PA.

The list of services that need a PA for your plan will be changing on January 1, 2021. Visit **CareSource.com** to see the most up-to-date list of what needs a PA. You can also find the PA list in your MyCareSource.com account. Or you can call the toll-free phone number on your ID card and speak with Member Services. We are here to help you get the care you need, when you need it.



FLU SHOT AND COVID-19



A flu shot is one of the easiest steps you can take to stay healthy. It's even more vital now with the COVID-19 pandemic. Stay up-to-date on your flu shot and encourage others to do the same. The best part? You can get your flu shot at no cost to you!



Self-Care During a Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic is stressful and can create fear and anxiety. It can be overwhelming for both adults and children. Social distancing is key for slowing the spread of COVID-19. It can also make us feel isolated and lonely. Self-care during a pandemic may feel selfish, but it is a healthy way to stay positive for yourself, your family, and for your community.

If you are feeling stressed and overwhelmed, CareSource and myStrengthSM can help. Their self-guided modules can strengthen your emotional health and give you support right from home! You can access myStrength through the member portal or go to mystrength.com/r/caresource to learn more.



Source: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/managing-stress-anxiety.html



Fill Half Your Plate with **Fruits and Veggies**

Eating a diet rich in fruits and vegetables is key to staying healthy! Fruits and veggies are full of vitamins, minerals, and fiber you need for a healthy diet. Plus, they are low in calories and fat and are a good source of carbohydrates. That's why it's important to fill half your plate at each meal with fruits and veggies. It's easier than you think!

- **Add veggies to meals and dishes you already like to eat.** Tacos, pasta, and stir-fry taste great with added veggies.
- **Brighten your plate with fruits and veggies of all different colors.** A variety of colors add greater nutritional value.
- **Bananas, apples, and oranges make great on-the-go snacks.** Keep these fruits on a table or countertop. It's easier to choose healthy snacks when they're within reach!
- **Stock up on fresh fruits and veggies in season.** They cost less and are more likely at their peak flavor.
- **Get veggies that are easy to prepare.** Baby carrots, celery sticks, and salad greens are always great to have on hand.
- **Have a sweet tooth? Try a fresh fruit salad for a tasty dessert after any meal.** Or, keep dried fruits like raisins or cranberries on hand for your sweet cravings.

Source: choosemyplate.gov



- Not eating enough food or skipping meals.
- Being more active than usual.
- Taking too much medication, such as insulin or diabetes pills.
- Taking other medications that cause low blood sugar.

Lifestyle changes can be some of the best things you can do to improve your health and to prevent and treat heart disease. Stay at a healthy weight by making good food and drink choices and by being physically active on a regular basis. If you are over a healthy weight range, losing even a little weight has great benefits!

- Eat fruits and vegetables
- Include whole grains instead of processed foods
- Use fat-free or low-fat dairy products
- Trade high-fat meats (like bacon and red meat) for lean and low-fat meats and proteins (like fish, chicken, turkey, beans, or tofu)

Get regular physical activity - Do physical activities you enjoy. Try walking for 10 minutes, three times a day, five days a week. Talk to your PCP about the types of activities best for you.

Find ways to reduce stress in your life - Try deep breathing or meditation. Getting plenty of sleep can help, too. Visit myStrength.com to help you manage your stress.



Symptoms of low blood sugar can develop quickly, usually in just 10 to 15 minutes, and need to be treated immediately. Learn your own signs and symptoms of when your blood glucose is low. The goal is to quickly get your blood sugar back to normal. Eat or drink 15 grams of carbohydrates that are easily digested like:

- Half a cup of fruit juice
- A few pieces of hard candy
- Glucose tablets

Talk with your primary care provider if you're still having issues with low blood sugar as your medications may need adjusted. If symptoms **DO NOT** improve after you have had a quick-sugar food, call **911** or have someone drive you to the Emergency Room. **DO NOT** drive when your blood glucose is low.

*Source: American Diabetes Association (ADA),
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*



TAKE CONTROL OF HIV AND HCV

Win the fight for a healthier life

Treatment is an important part of staying healthy with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and the Hepatitis C Virus (HCV). Follow the helpful tips below:

- See a primary care provider (PCP) soon after testing positive for HIV or HCV. Start treatment right away.
- Take your medications daily and exactly as prescribed. Medications can help you live a longer and healthier life. Medications also reduce the risk of spreading HIV or HCV to others.
- Don't miss visits with your PCP. Regular care is an important part of treatment. It helps make sure your treatment plan is keeping the virus under control.



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takes 2-3 minutes.

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