

wellness & you

Your Aetna Better Health® Premier Plan MMAI (Medicare-Medicaid Plan) member newsletter

HEALTHIER ALL YEAR

Find joy everyday

Hello

Have a case of the holiday blues? This means feeling sad or lonely near the end of the year. Discover strategies to help ease these feelings. And remember to talk to your Provider if your blues are stopping you from doing things you enjoy.



Stay connected

Reach out to friends and neighbors. A phone call or text can make a big difference. Or check with your local community center for activities.



Have fun

Try a new recipe, decorate your home or listen to holiday tunes. You may even start a new holiday tradition.



Volunteer

This is a rewarding way to connect with others and give back to the community. Many organizations need extra help during the holidays.



Try self-care

Self-care can help lower stress and improve overall well-being. Examples include yoga, taking a warm bath or reading your favorite book.

News about your health plan

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) has chosen Aetna to run a new health plan for people who have both Medicare and Medicaid. This new plan is called **Aetna Medicare FIDE (HMO D-SNP)**, and it will start on January 1, 2026. Your current plan will automatically change on that date **and offer additional benefits such as: \$225* per month to help with food, groceries and utilities or Over-the-Counter (OTC) supplies, \$2500 in additional dental benefits and \$1000 for hearing supplies plus more!** You don't need to do anything. You'll get more details soon, including a new member ID card. You can also check your Annual Notice of Change (ANOC) to find out what the plan covers. If you want to learn more, visit [Aetna.com/Medicare-dsnp/illinois.html](https://www.aetna.com/Medicare-dsnp/illinois.html) or call your case manager at **1-866-600-2139 (TTY: 711)**.

*Members must meet qualifying chronic condition criteria to qualify.

Physical activity can help you beat the blues, too. Your plan includes a basic fitness benefit through SilverSneakers® to access online or in-person exercise and wellness classes. Learn more at [SilverSneakers.com](https://www.silversneakers.com).

Cancer prevention as you age



Did you know there are steps you can take to help lower your risk of cancer? Many common cancers — including colon, prostate, lung and breast cancer — can often be prevented or caught early through proactive care. Health care appointments, a nutritious diet, sun protection and avoiding tobacco all play a role in keeping your whole body healthy. Here's how you can start making small changes today that can have a big impact on your long-term well-being.

¹ American Cancer Society. Find cancer early. Available at: [Cancer.org/cancer/screening.html](https://www.cancer.org/cancer/screening.html) Accessed September 10, 2025.

1. Get screened

Your Provider can help make sure you get the screenings you need, when you need them. Common screenings may include:

- **Colonoscopy.** Most adults get regular colon screenings starting at age 45.¹
- **Prostate-specific antigen test (PSA).** This test checks men for prostate cancer. Screening usually starts at age 50.¹
- **Mammogram.** This breast screening is recommended for most women starting at age 45. Screening is important for men too especially when there is family history of the condition.

These screenings are covered by your plan and can help catch any problems early, when they are often easier to treat.

2. Eat the rainbow

A healthy diet is one of the best ways to prevent cancer. Fill your plate with colorful fruits such as apples, oranges and blueberries and vegetables such as potatoes, spinach and carrots.

3. Don't smoke

Smoking is bad for your health and can cause many types of cancer. We'll help you quit smoking. Your plan covers visits with a licensed counselor.

4. Protect your skin

While some sunlight is good for you, too many harmful rays may lead to skin cancer. Apply sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher to protect yourself from harmful rays. Reapply every two hours.

Don't forget your annual flu shot. This important vaccine is covered by your plan. Your case manager can help you schedule your vaccine today. Call them at **1-866-600-2139 (TTY: 711)**, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

MAXIMIZE YOUR PLAN

Help for pain is here

Did you know that chronic pain impacts 1 in 5 Americans? Fortunately, there are strategies and resources available to help you manage chronic pain and live a more comfortable life. Here's what to know.



1 Therapy

Chronic pain can make you feel down and even lead to depression and anxiety. A therapist may help. Your plan offers covered mental health services that let you speak to a therapist, online or in-person.

2 Prescription pain medication delivery

Taking your chronic pain medication as prescribed is key for pain management. With CVS Caremark® mail service pharmacy, you can get your medicine sent to you. This can help you get the treatment you need and save money while you rest and recover at home.

3 Healthy Home Visit (HHV)

A Healthy Home Visit (HHV) is another convenient way to get care. Members get one covered visit per year provided by Signify Health®. During the visit, a licensed Signify Health® provider will come to your home or connect with you online via telehealth.

We work with you to get the right care

Our utilization management (UM) program ensures you get the right care, in the right setting when you need it. Below are examples of how the utilization management program works for you.

- We make decisions by looking at your benefits and clinical guidelines for appropriate care and service.
- We consider your needs, evidence-based practice and availability of care.
- We don't reward doctors or others for denying coverage or care nor do our employees get incentives to reduce your services.

If you have questions about UM or how to access a copy of clinical practice guidelines, call Member Services at the number on the back of your member ID card. They can also help with language translation or assistance.

Tips to ease pain

- ✓ Stretch before getting out of bed
- ✓ Go for a morning walk
- ✓ Take a warm shower
- ✓ Rub the pain away
- ✓ Switch up your sleeping position



Thinking about getting a new Primary Care Provider (PCP)?

Visit [AetnaBetterHealth.com/Illinois](https://www.aetna.com/betterhealth/illinois) to search for an in-network provider in your area.



Health and wellness or prevention information

Questions or concerns about your health and wellness? Reach out to your case manager at **1-866-600-2139 (TTY: 711)**, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Se habla español. Or visit **AetnaBetterHealth.com/Illinois** for more information.

Did you know?



You can lower your risk of cancer by getting regular screenings and more.



Staying connected with others this holiday season is one way to beat the winter blues.



You're covered for benefits that can help you manage chronic pain.

Find out more inside

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