

Holiday stress management and mental health

The holiday season can be a stressful time of year for many adults and even children. The hustle and bustle of the holiday season usually includes shopping, decorating, cooking, baking, cleaning and entertaining. The extra list of to-dos can easily make you feel stressed or overwhelmed.

Also, for many, the holiday season can bring on feelings of sadness or depression, as we often miss those who are no longer here to celebrate with us.

All these feelings are normal and can be better managed with a few mental health coping tips.

Stay in therapy. If you are currently attending regular therapy sessions, do not cancel them during the holiday season. The holiday season can bring up a variety of emotions, and having regular check-ins with your therapist can help

you navigate those emotions as they come up.

Take a breath. Make sure to schedule in some downtime. Find a quiet place with no distractions and take a few deep breaths, or go for a 30-minute walk to clear your head and get some muchneeded vitamin D.

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Breast cancer awareness

In 2021, breast cancer is the most common cancer in the world. It affects 13% of women in the United States during their lifetime.

What is breast cancer?

There are many kinds of breast cancer, but it happens when cells in the breast grow uncontrollably. Some common signs of breast cancer are:

- Lumps on the breast or in the armpit
- Swelling of part of the breast
- Dimples in the breast skin
- Peeling or flaking of the breast skin

What is a mammogram?

Most often, breast cancer can be found through a test called a mammogram. During a mammogram, your doctor uses a machine to take an x-ray picture of your breast. This only takes a few minutes, and your doctor gets results in a couple of weeks. All women over 40 years old should have a mammogram once a year to help find breast cancer early.

This is important even if you do not have any signs of breast cancer. You can get a mammogram at your well-woman checkup with your Aetna doctor. To set up your well-woman checkup, you can call your doctor or OB-GYN.

What are the risk factors?

Some factors may put someone at a higher risk of breast cancer. These are:

- If you are over 50 years old
- If your mother, sister or daughter has had breast cancer
- If you have already had breast cancer
- If you are overweight and not physically active
- If you drink alcohol
- If you have dense breasts (a mammogram can also test for dense breasts by measuring certain kinds of tissue in your breast)

What can I do?

Being aware of your own breast health is a powerful tool to help you prevent breast cancer. Get started using the tips below.

- Set up a mammogram with your doctor.
- Try a breast self-exam.
- Stay physically active.
- Know your family's history of breast cancer.

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Stick to a budget. Before making any holiday purchases, take some time to create a budget. Once you have established a realistic budget, it is important to stick to it.

If you are struggling to manage your mental health during the holiday season (Thanksgiving to New Year's), we hope that you will take advantage of your covered behavioral health offerings through Aetna Better Health of Louisiana.

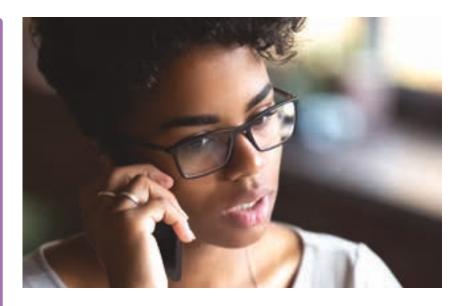


Fraud, waste and abuse

It's important to report dishonest acts. These dishonest acts are called fraud, waste and abuse. The following acts are the most common types of fraud, waste and abuse:

- Members selling or lending their ID card to someone else
- Members trying to get drugs or services they do not need
- Members forging or altering prescriptions they receive from their providers
- Providers billing for services they didn't give
- Providers giving services members do not need
- Verbal, physical, mental or sexual abuse by providers

Call our fraud and abuse hotline at **1-855-725-0288**, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to report these types of acts. You can do this without us knowing your name. You can also call the Louisiana Medicaid Fraud and Abuse Hotline Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM, at **1-800-488-2917**. Or you can fill out the fraud, waste and abuse form online at AetnaBetterHealth.com/Louisiana.



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- Call 1-855-242-0802 (TTY: 711)
- Fax **1-860-607-7657**
- Write to: Aetna Better Health of Louisiana Grievance and Appeals Dept. P.O. Box 81139 5801 Postal Road 0, Cleveland, OH 44181



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Telephone: 1-888-234-7358 (TTY 711)

Email: MedicaidCRCoordinator@aetna.com

Hours of operation: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

You can file a grievance in person or by mail or email. If you need help filing a grievance, our Civil Rights Coordinator is available to help you.

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SPANISH: ATENCIÓN: Si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al número que aparece en el reverso de su tarjeta de identificación o al **1-800-385-4104** (TTY: **711**).

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