

HEALTHY LIVING

Your Aetna Better Health plan made easier

We're here to support you — whether you need a routine checkup, help managing a condition or answers about your benefits. Find out what's available to you so you know where to turn for care and support. View this info online at [AetnaBetterHealth.com/education/newjersey-info](https://www.aetna.com/newjersey/education/newjersey-info)

✔ Review your member handbook

It's your go-to source for plan information. It covers everything you need to know, including:

- What your plan covers
- How to get care
- How to file a complaint, grievance or appeal
- How we make decisions about your care
- Special programs and benefits to help you stay healthy

You can view your handbook online at [AetnaBetterHealth.com/newjersey/member-materials-forms.html](https://www.aetna.com/newjersey/member-materials-forms.html)

Prefer a hard copy?
Call Member Services at **1-855-232-3596 (TTY: 711)** to have one mailed to you. Let us know if you need it in another language, a larger font or other formats.

✔ Know your rights

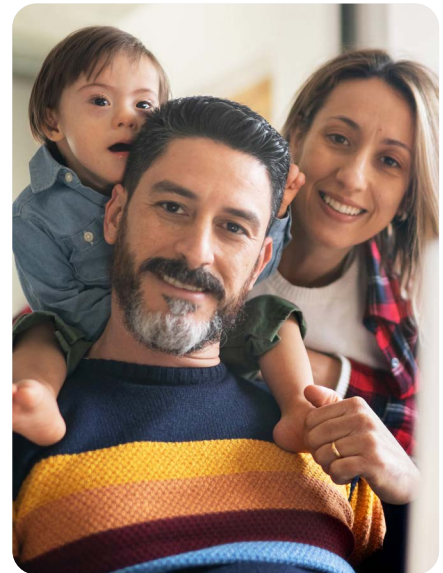
As an Aetna Better Health member, you have certain rights and responsibilities.

Go to [AetnaBetterHealth.com/newjersey/medicaid-rights-responsibilities.html](https://www.aetna.com/newjersey/medicaid-rights-responsibilities.html) for a complete list.

✔ Get language help

We offer language services at no cost to you. That includes interpreter services in any language (including sign language). You can also ask for written materials in any language. We also offer materials in other formats, such as large print, audio or accessible electronic formats.

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Learn about your benefits and care options

Whether you're managing a condition or just trying to stay healthy, we have programs and benefits that can help. Visit our website to learn more about:

- Your pharmacy benefits
- Our population health management programs
- How we make decisions about your care
- The guidelines our providers follow
- What we're doing to improve our services



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Find the right primary care provider

A primary care provider (PCP) is your main doctor for checkups and care. Here's why having the right PCP matters — and how to choose one.

1 They are a trusted partner in health

You should feel comfortable asking your PCP anything. No worry is too small, and no question is silly. Your PCP knows your health history and can help you get the care you need.

2 They can help you manage a chronic condition

If you or your child has a long-term condition like asthma, diabetes or high blood pressure, your PCP can help. They work with your other providers to help you create and follow your care plan.

3 They can help prevent health problems

Your PCP doesn't just treat you when you're sick — they help you stay healthy. Regular checkups and screenings can find problems early, before you feel sick.

4 They can help guide you through your health care

Health care can feel confusing. Your PCP helps make it easier to understand. They can help by:



- Referring you to other doctors when needed
- Helping you understand your test results
- Making sure all parts of your care work together

5 They provide well-rounded care

Your PCP cares about all parts

of your health. They can help with:

- Mental health
- Healthy food choices
- Exercise
- Wellness goals

They can even help you get support for things like housing, childcare, food access and more.

Don't have a PCP or want a new one? Search our provider directory online at [AetnaBetterHealth.com/newjersey/find-provider](https://www.aetna.com/betterhealth/newjersey/find-provider). Or call Member Services for help.

Get more from your checkup

These visits are a chance to talk openly with your provider, ask questions and stay on top of your health. Here are a few simple ways to get the most out of your appointment.

Write down your questions

It's easy to forget what you want to ask during the visit. Having your list of questions handy helps you cover everything on your mind.

Know your family medical history

Make note of any conditions your parents, grandparents or siblings have had. This will help your PCP decide which health screenings you might need and when.

Be honest

Your PCP is there to help, not judge. Being honest and detailed will help them take better care of you.

Record your conversation

That way you don't have to worry about taking notes while you talk. (Ask your PCP if it's OK first.) Or, you can bring someone with you to help take notes and ask questions.

Help calm kids' nerves

Explain why they're going to the doctor and what will happen at the visit. Get them involved by coming up with questions for the doctor together.



When should I get a checkup?

Adults should get a checkup at least once a year.

Kids need checkups, called well-child visits, more often based on age. Here's what experts recommend for little ones:

- **Babies under a year old** should see their PCP at 3-5 days, 1 month, 2 months, 4 months, 6 months and 9 months.
- **Children 1 to 3 years old** should see their doctor at 12 months (1 year), 15 months, 18 months, 24 months (2 years) and 30 months.
- **Kids three years and older** should see their doctor once a year.

Need a ride? Your plan covers rides to provider visits. Just call Modivcare at **1-866-527-9933 (TTY: 1-866-288-3133)** to schedule a ride. Be sure to call at least two business days ahead of your appointment.



Simple food swaps for a healthier heart

Your heart works hard for you. Show it care with these tips for building a heart-healthy plate.

Fill half your plate with produce

Leafy greens like spinach and fruits like berries help support heart health and fight inflammation.

Choose whole grains

Brown rice, oatmeal and whole-grain bread have more fiber. Fiber can help lower cholesterol.

Pick lean proteins

Fish like salmon have healthy fats that support your heart. Chicken and turkey are lower in saturated fat.

Go meatless

Eating more plant-based meals can help lower your risk of heart disease. Add one or more vegetarian meals to your weekly menu.

Opt for low-fat dairy

Choose fat-free or low-fat versions of milk, cheese and yogurt. They are lower in saturated fat, which can raise bad cholesterol.

Cook with heart-healthy oils

Use oils, like olive or canola oil, instead of butter or shortening. Oils have healthy fats that can help lower bad cholesterol.

Season wisely

Use herbs and spices instead of salt. Too much salt can raise your blood pressure.

Family planning for every body

Family planning does more than prevent or prepare for pregnancy. It includes routine care that helps protect your body and supports your health now and in the future. Here's what to know.

Family planning means care for your reproductive health. Even if you don't want kids now, or ever, this care is still important.

Family planning helps you:

- Learn about your body
- Prevent pregnancy
- Prepare for pregnancy
- Practice safe sex
- Prevent or treat sexually transmitted infections (STIs)

A family planning visit may include:

- Talking about your health and your plans for the future
- A well-woman exam and other health screenings
- Learning about birth control and picking the method that works best for you
- Help with infertility or getting pregnant
- Testing for and prevention of STIs
- Referrals to other care if you need it.

You do not need a referral to see a family planning provider. You can go to any provider you trust and feel comfortable with. That includes providers who are in- or out-of-network.

Family planning services are here to help you make the best choices for yourself.



Are you pregnant or trying to get pregnant?

Go to [AetnaBetterHealth.com/newjersey/pregnancy-care.html](https://www.aetna.com/better-health/new-jersey/pregnancy-care.html) for more info on extra benefits and care for pregnancy.



Take charge of your sexual health

Many people get a sexually transmitted infection (STI) during their lives. Prevention and testing can help protect your health.

STIs can pass from one person to another during sexual contact. Some STIs can also spread from sharing needles.

The good news: Many STIs are treatable. Especially when they're found early.

Know the signs

STIs can have different symptoms. Here are some common ones to watch for:

- Pain or burning when peeing
- Sores, bumps or rashes around the genitals
- Changes in fluid from the penis or vagina (you might notice a

strong smell or different color or amount of discharge)

- Genital itching or pain
- Pain during sex
- Lower belly pain

Not everyone with an STI has symptoms. Testing is the only way to know for sure.

Get tested

Testing for STIs is covered by your health plan. Ask your provider about getting tested. Especially if you have a new partner or more than one partner. Or if you have any symptoms.

Testing is also important for pregnant people. STIs can cause problems during pregnancy. And they can be passed to the baby during childbirth. If you test positive for an STI, your provider can treat it to keep you and your baby safe.

STIs are common. But help is here. Getting tested and treated are steps you can take for yourself, your partner and your family. Your provider is there to answer questions and help you get the care you need.

Protect yourself with vaccines

It's not just kids that need vaccines. Adults need vaccines too to protect against certain illnesses. Here are 5 vaccines to ask your doctor about.

RSV vaccine

RSV stands for respiratory syncytial virus. It's a common virus that can cause cold-like symptoms. Babies and older adults are more likely to get seriously sick from RSV. If you're 60 or older or pregnant, ask your provider if the RSV shot is right for you.

Tdap vaccine

This shot helps protect you from tetanus (lockjaw), diphtheria (throat and nose infection) and pertussis (whooping cough). Kids should get a single dose of Tdap around age 11 or 12. But adults should also get a Tdap or Td booster every 10 years. Pregnant people should also get a dose of Tdap during each pregnancy. It can help protect your baby from pertussis after birth.

Flu vaccine

The CDC says that everyone six months and older should get a flu shot every year. It's best

to get your flu shot in the fall before the flu season begins.

Pneumococcal (Pneumonia) vaccine

Pneumonia is a lung infection that can cause serious illness in young children and older adults. If you're over 50 or have a medical condition, ask your provider if this shot is right for you.

COVID-19 vaccine

Everyone six months or older should ask their doctor about getting a COVID 19 shot. Already got the shot? There may be a new shot that can protect you from newer strains of COVID. Ask your provider if there's a new vaccine, and if you should get it.

Remember, your plan covers these vaccines and more at no cost to you.



Free early learning for families.

Head Start offers free early learning, health checks, and family support. Many families qualify. Find out if your child can join and learn how to apply at [headstart.gov/how-apply](https://www.headstart.gov/how-apply)

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 - o Qualified sign language interpreters
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Address: Attn: Civil Rights Coordinator
PO Box 818001
Cleveland, OH 44181-8001
Telephone: **1-888-234-7358 (TTY 711)**
Email: MedicaidCRCoordinator@aetna.com

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.

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>, or by mail or phone at: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, SW Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, D.C. 20201, 1-800-368-1019, 1-800-537-7697 (TDD).

Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.

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TTY: 711

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