

LET'S ROLL UP OUR Sleeves!

We are all ready for COVID-19 to be a thing of the past. And, we can help stop the virus by getting a COVID-19 vaccine. The COVID-19 vaccine is provided at no cost to you. Vaccines work with your body's natural defenses so your body can fight the virus if you are exposed. The Ohio Department of Health's **www.coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/covid-19-vaccination-program** website is the best way to know when you are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine and how to schedule it.



Here are a few tips to keep in mind when you get vaccinated:

- Wear something that allows access to your upper arm like a short-sleeved shirt or loose fitting shirt that can be rolled up.
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Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth.

Stay six feet away from others while inside.

You will need to stay about 15 to 20 minutes after getting the vaccine to make sure you do not have a reaction to it. The vaccine may cause side effects like sore muscles, feeling tired, or a mild fever. These side effects do not last more than a day or two for most people.

After the shot:



 You will get a vaccination card. It will tell you which COVID-19 vaccine you received, the date you got it, and where you received it.



The currently authorized vaccines need two doses to be most effective. Plan to get your second shot as close to the recommended three-week or one-month period.

If you need help scheduling your second vaccine, call the location that set up your first appointment. You can also call Member Services for help. Always talk with your primary care provider (PCP) if you have any concerns or have questions if the vaccine is right for you.

Get V-Safe: The Vaccination Health Checker

Use the smartphone tool called V-safe after you get your COVID-19 vaccine. You can tell the CDC about any side effects using text messages and web surveys. Learn more at **CDC.gov/vsafe**. I GOT MY COVID-19 VACCINE!



Source: CDC.gov/coronavirus

ALL ABOUT PROSTATE CANCER

Prostate cancer is the second most common cancer in men. It is also one of the most treatable cancers. Prostate cancer happens when cancer grows in the prostate gland. This gland supplies part of the fluid that help sperm travel and reach an egg for reproduction.

Some men are more likely than others to develop prostate cancer. Men over the age of 55, have a family history of cancer, are overweight or smoke are at a higher risk. Men with African ancestry are also more likely to get prostate cancer.

COMMON SYMPTOMS ARE:

- Pain while you are urinating or during ejaculation.
- Urinating more often.
- Having trouble starting or stopping the flow of urine.
- Blood in your urine or semen.

Talking with your primary care provider (PCP) if you have any of these symptoms is key. Your PCP can help you make the best choices for your prostate health.

Break the Stigma: Men and Depression

Depression is difficult for men and women, but it affects them differently. Men struggle to cope with depression and the stigma with having it. Feelings of inadequacy, failure and shame often occur in men who experience depression. This causes men to choose not to talk about their feelings or seek treatment. Men may hide or deny their symptoms to "be strong."

Let's break the stigma. Reach out! CareSource is here to help. We cover services like depression screenings, talk therapy and medications to treat symptoms and recover from depression.

If you feel stressed or worried, visit myStrengthSM in your <u>MyCareSource.com</u> account. myStrength is a free service. It has tools and resources to help put you on the path of emotional wellness. Visit <u>bh.mystrength.com/caresource</u> to learn more.

Sources: National Alliance on Mental Illness. NAMI.org.



What to Expect at a Prostate Cancer Screening

Many men with prostate cancer never experience symptoms and without screening, would never know they had it. Talk with your primary care provider (PCP) about any risk factors before you have a Prostate Cancer Screening.

There are two tests commonly used to screen for prostate cancer:

1. Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) Test: A PSA test measures the level of PSA in the blood. PSA levels can be higher in men who have prostate cancer.

The higher the PSA level in the blood, the more likely a prostate problem is present. Many factors, such as age and race, can affect PSA levels.

2. Digital Rectal Examination (DRE): DRE is when a PCP inserts a gloved, lubricated finger into the rectum to feel the prostate.

Your PCP may recommend a biopsy if a PSA test or DRE are abnormal. The biopsy will determine if you have prostate cancer. If you are age 55 and older, ask your PCP if you should be screened.

Sources: www.cdc.gov/cancer/prostate/index.htm



COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS

Colorectal cancer is a cancer in the colon or the rectum. It is most often found in adults 50 years of age or older, but it can happen at any age. One of the first signs is a change in your bowels. Other early symptoms are:

- Diarrhea or constipation
- Blood in your stool
- Constant stomach aches or pains
- Nausea or vomiting

You may not have any signs until the cancer is at an advanced stage, so talk with your primary care provider (PCP) if you have any symptoms. The good news is that eating healthy and staying active can reduce your risk.

You can get screened for colorectal cancer starting at age 50. You may also be able to get screened earlier if you have a family history of this cancer. Your PCP will know what is right for you.



Sources: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/facts.html



Pharmacy Updates

CareSource has a searchable 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. You'll find the most current changes and updates, too. If you don't have access to the internet, we can help you. Call Member Services to find out more information.



Quality is a word heard often in health care. But what does it mean? Quality refers to how good something is. High quality health care means you:



CareSource has a team of professionals, nurses and other health care workers who provide quality care. CareSource wants to make sure your health care experience is unmatched. We hire people who review the care you receive. We want your doctors, nurses and hospitals to give you the highest quality care!



The ABC's of Prior Authorization

Prior Authorization (PA) is how we decide if a health service will be covered by CareSource. The services must be evidence-based and medically necessary for your care. CareSource must review and approve certain services before you get them. Your care may not be covered if you do not get prior authorization first, except for emergencies.

An easy way to think about PA is:

- Ask about Prior Authorization
- Before you get
- Care

Your primary care provider (PCP) will ask for this approval from CareSource for you. You can find the most up-to date PA list in your **My.CareSource.com** account.



Tips for Your Next **Telehealth Visit**

Telehealth is a convenient option for care. It uses your phone or computer to speak to a provider from wherever you are. Follow the tips below to get the most out of your telehealth visit.

- Find a quiet place for your visit. Make sure it is somewhere with a reliable internet connection.
- Decide if you'll use your computer, phone, or tablet.
- If you need to download an app or create an account, do so well before the start of your visit.
- Have your medical history on hand.
- Write down any questions you want to ask ahead of time.
- Take notes during your visit.

Your primary care provider (PCP) may offer telehealth visits. Check with his or her office first. If your PCP doesn't offer telehealth or has limited hours, you may use MYidealDOCTOR® to speak to a boardcertified doctor 24/7. Access MYidealDOCTOR through the CareSource mobile app, visit MYidealDOCTORtelehealth.com, or call 1-855-879-4332.

Prediabetes

More than one-third of Americans have prediabetes (CDC, 2020). Prediabetes means your blood glucose (sugar) is too high. It is a warning to take steps to prevent type 2 diabetes like:

Change Your Eating Habits

- Eat more fruits and vegetables.
- Eat meals slowly.
- Avoid junk food.
- Drink more water and less sugary drinks.
- Read food labels to compare which foods are healthier.

TIP:

Get Physical (30 to 60 minutes per day)

- Take walks.
- Make it fun. Do what activities you like best.
- Start slow and build up.
- Stay Positive! Focus on progress.

Try to control screen time. Limit TV, phone and computer to two hours a day.

Lose Weight

• Even 10 to 15 pounds is great!

Learn about your risk and take action! Talk to your primary care provider (PCP) about being tested.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention www.cdc.gov/diabetes/basics/prediabetes.html.

How Can Your Pharmacist Help to Improve Your Health?

Pharmacists are part of your health care team. They can do much more than just count pills. Pharmacists can teach you a lot about your prescriptions and how medicines impact each other. They can give shots to prevent illness and keep you healthy. They can also check your blood pressure and blood sugar. Pharmacists can also give you tips to help you remember to take your medicine. They may be able to coordinate all of your medications so that you can get them on the same day each month. Pharmacists can be very helpful. They also can provide medication and support for tobacco cessation. Ask your pharmacist how they can help improve your health!

Where to **GET CARE**

The **CareSource24® Nurse Advice Line** is here 24 hours a day, seven days a week to give advice and answer your health questions. Our registered nurses can help you decide when self-care or a visit to your primary care provider (PCP), urgent care, or the emergency room is needed. Call now at **866-206-7861** to talk with a registered nurse.





Reviewing Your Explanation of Benefits

CareSource sends Explanation of Benefit (EOB) statements to some members to look for potential fraud, waste and abuse. An **EOB statement is not a bill.** If you receive an EOB statement, you can help us by checking for the following things:

- 1. Services, supplies or equipment listed that you did not receive.
- 2. Services that were billed more than once.
- 3. Dates of service listed that are unfamiliar to you.

If you think there could be errors or fraud, please let us know by contacting our Program Integrity department. You can report anonymously by:

- **Phone:** Call Member Services and follow the prompts for fraud; or
- Write: Send us a letter or complete our Confidential Reporting Form located at CareSource.com/ members/tools-resources/fraudwaste-abuse/ and send it to:

CareSource Attn: Program Integrity P.O. Box 1940 Dayton, OH 45401-1940

There are other ways you may contact us that are not anonymous, including:

- Email: fraud@CareSource.com; or
- Fax: 1-800-418-0248

Your report will be kept confidential to the extent permitted by law. Thank you for helping us prevent fraud, waste and abuse in health care!

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and Asthma Flare-Ups

For those with COPD or asthma, it is important to know the signs of flare-ups. Signs may start suddenly or develop slowly over several hours or days.

COMMON SIGNS OF FLARE-UPS INCLUDE:

- Shortness of breath.
- Coughing, sometimes with mucus.
- Wheezing or whistling sounds when you breathe.
- with mucus.Chest tightness.

Your primary care provider (PCP) can help you understand what you should do if you're having a flare-up. You should work with them to create an action plan. They can also recommend medications that can help with a flare-up. Always take medications as directed.

You can prevent flare-ups by avoiding triggers such as air pollution, dust, and strong scents. Do not smoke and avoid secondhand smoke. You should also stay away from people who may be sick with a cold or the flu. Make sure you see your PCP at least twice a year to discuss and manage your condition.

Sources: MedlinePlus, National Library of Medicine, (2021, January 5). COPD Flare-Ups https://medlineplus.gov/ency/patientinstructions/000698.htm. MedlinePlus, National Library of Medicine, (2021, January 5). Asthma https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/000141.htm



CMS Interoperability **Communication**

Interoperability is a term being used more and more in health care. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) issued a rule that gives patients better access to their health care information called Interoperability and Patient Access. Interoperability and Patient Access transfers data between patients, health care providers and health insurance plans for better care coordination. It can also help you make informed decisions about your health care needs.

Currently, as a member, you have access to medical and pharmacy claims, provider network, and formularies using your CareSource member portal or mobile app. You will also have the ability to use other health related systems to access your health information. This means your health care records will be available to you whenever you need them.





Using medications the right way is vital to your health. That's why we have a Medication Therapy Management (MTM) program. The MTM program will:

- Help you learn about your drugs and the right way to use them.
- Help your pharmacist and other providers work better together.
- Improve your overall health.

A key part of the MTM program is working one-on-one with your pharmacist. Your pharmacist will meet with you to go over your drug list. Your drug list covers any prescription drugs, over-the-counter drugs, herbals or supplements you take.

You can be part in the MTM program at no cost to you. Ask your pharmacist if they are part of the MTM program. Drugstores may also reach out to you if they think you could benefit from the program. Or, call Member Services to learn more.

Testing and Care for Hepatitis C and HIV



Hepatitis C (HCV) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) are caused by viruses. If HCV is left untreated it can lead to liver damage, liver cancer and liver failure. If HIV is not treated, it can eventually lead to AIDS.

Getting tested is the only way to know for sure if you have for HCV or HIV. Knowing your status is important to get early treatment and help protect others. Talk with your primary care provider (PCP) to see if you



should get tested.

You can live well with HCV or HIV. Both viruses are treatable. Getting proper care can keep you healthy. Learn what you can do to protect yourself and others from HCV and HIV by visiting the link below.

Source: National Institutes of Health https://hivinfo.nih.gov/understanding-hiv/fact-sheets/hiv-and-hepatitis-c

Interpreter Interprete စကားပနြ

CareSource has in person interpreters for your medical visits. Call Member Services to request an interpreter. Your provider can fax a request to 937-396-3720 or email **InterpreterServices@CareSource.com**.



CareSource ofrece intérpretes en persona para sus citas médicas. Llame a Servicios para Miembros para programar o pídale a su proveedor que envíe un fax al 937-396-3720 o envíe un correo electrónico a **InterpreterServices@CareSource.com** para solicitar un intérprete.



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Talking with your Primary Care Provider (PCP) about **Exercise**

There are many great reasons to exercise. Exercise improves your energy and mood and can help you get better sleep. Finding an exercise routine that's right for you may sound easy, but you should talk with your PCP before you begin. Here are some questions you can ask:

- How much exercise should I do each day or each week?
- What type of exercise should I do?
- What activities should I avoid?
- If I'm taking medications, what should I be aware of when exercising?
- What can I do to stay safe while exercising?
- With the right mindset, exercise could become part of your daily routine!

Looking for a fitness center or home fitness program options? Call Silver&Fit at **1-877-427-4788 (TTY: 711)** or visit www.SilverandFit.com for more information.

Source: www.silversneakers.com/

CareSource Part D QIC Independent Review Entity (IRE) Changes

Effective February 1, 2021, C2C Innovative Solutions, Inc. will be replacing MAXIMUS Federal Services as the Part D Independent Review Entity (IRE). An IRE, commonly called the Part D Qualified Independent Contractor (QIC), will be responsible for conducting reviews of unfavorable or partially favorable determination and redetermination. This will include at-risk determination under a drug management program (DMP) and Late Enrollment Penalty (LEP) under the Medicare Part D Program.

Please note this change applies only to the Part D QIC. MAXIMUS will continue to serve as the Part C QIC. Reconsideration requests and auto-forwarded cases received on or before January 31, 2021 will continue to be processed by the existing Part D QIC, MAXIMUS.

Make Your Health A Priority this Spring

Summer is fast approaching. You want to make sure you are healthy and ready for fun! CareSource will reward you for completing check-ups, preventive care and other wellness activities. You may be able to earn up to \$215 in rewards. Visit CareSource.com for information about the My CareSource[®] Rewards program.

Rewards are available to MyCare Opt-in members only.

Remove the Risk:

Get a Free DisposeRx® Packet

Do you have expired drugs or medications you no longer use? Expired or unused drugs can be a health risk for toddlers, teens, or family pets if they are within their reach. They can also be misused. Most people who misuse prescription drugs get them from friends or family. It is important to safely dispose of these drugs before they cause harm.

Drug take back sites like local drugstores or police stations can safely dispose these expired or unused drugs for you. Visit deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubdispsearch to see a list of sites near you.



CareSource also has free DisposeRx[®] packets to help you safely get rid of these drugs or medications. These packets are safe for the environment, easy to use, and will help reduce drug misuse. Get your free packet at secureforms.CareSource.com/DisposeRx

Source: www.FDA.gov/drugdisposal



Medicare Program Designed to **Prevent Diabetes**

Simple changes in your daily life can prevent type 2 diabetes. Now you can participate in a program to help you lose weight, eat healthy and be more active. It's all part of the **Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program** and it's available to you if you have Medicare.

This program will focus on training for a long-term dietary change, increased physical activity and problem-solving strategies to help you maintain weight loss and a healthy lifestyle. You must meet weight and blood test requirements to be eligible. Contact your Care Manager or Member Services for more details.

Reach Your Goals with Life Services Ohio

Good health involves more than just quality health care. Having a good job, community support, and access to education or training opportunities affect your overall health and well-being. CareSource Life Services is here for you. Our mission is to make a lasting impact in your life. We can help remove barriers that stand in the way of reaching your goals.

Our leadership team, Life Coaches, and specialists work together to serve members in all Ohio counties. Your Life Coach will work with you to find resources and opportunities to fit your needs. Let us work with you to reach your goals! You can connect with us by calling **1-844-543-7378** or by email at **LifeServices@CareSource.com**.

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Use your My CareSource account *Preferences* to tell us your email address and mobile phone number.



ENGLISH

ATTENTION: If you speak English, language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. Call 1-855-475-3163 (TTY: 1-800-750-0750).

SPANISH

ATENCIÓN: Si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1-855-475-3163 (TTY: 1-800-750-0750).

CHINESE

注意:如果您使用繁體中文,您可以免費獲得語言 援助服務 。請致電 1-855-475-3163 TTY:1-800-750-0750)。

GERMAN

ACHTUNG: Wenn Sie Deutsch sprechen, stehen Ihnen kostenlos sprachliche Hilfsdienstleistungen zur Verfügung. Rufnummer: 1-855-475-3163 (TTY: 1-800-750-0750).

ARABIC

ملحوظة: إذا كنت تتحدث اذكر اللغة، فإن خدمات المساعدة

اللغوية تتوافر لك بالمجان. اتصل برقم 3163-475-1-855

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RUSSIAN

ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите на русском языке, то вам доступны бесплатные услуги перевода. Звоните 1-855-475-3163 (телетайп: 1-800-750-0750).

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ATTENTION : Si vous parlez français, des services d'aide linguistique vous sont proposés gratuitement. Appelez le 1-855-475-3163 (ATS : 1-800-750-0750).

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CHÚ Ý: Nếu bạn nói Tiếng Việt, có các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí dành cho bạn. Gọi số 1-855-475-3163 (TTY: 1-800-750-0750).

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KOREAN

주의: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. 1-855-475-3163 (TTY: 1-800-750-0750) 번으로 전화해 주십시오.

ITALIAN

ATTENZIONE: In caso la lingua parlata sia l'italiano, sono disponibili servizi di assistenza linguistica gratuiti. Chiamare il numero 1-855-475-3163 (TTY: 1-800-750-0750).

JAPANESE

注意事項:日本語を話される場合、無料の言語 支援をご利用いただけます。1-855-475-3163 (TTY:1-800-750-0750)まで、お電話にてご連絡 ください。

DUTCH

AANDACHT: Als u nederlands spreekt, kunt u gratis gebruikmaken van de taalkundige diensten. Bel 1-855-475-3163 (TTY: 1-800-750-0750).

UKRAINIAN

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ROMANIAN

ATENȚIE: Dacă vorbiți limba română, vă stau la dispoziție servicii de asistență lingvistică, gratuit. Sunați la 1-855-475-3163 (TTY: 1-800-750-0750).

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CareSource provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as: (1) qualified sign language interpreters, and (2) written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats). In addition, CareSource provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as: (1) qualified interpreters, and (2) information written in other languages. If you need these services, please contact CareSource at 1-855-475-3163 (TTY: 1-800-750-0750 or 711).

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> CareSource Attn: Civil Rights Coordinator P.O. Box 1947, Dayton, Ohio 45401 1-844-539-1732, TTY: 711 Fax: 1-844-417-6254

CivilRightsCoordinator@CareSource.com

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

You may also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, electronically through the Office of 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, 800-537-7697 (TDD)

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





P.O. Box 8738 Dayton, OH 45401-8738

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