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Managing Your Company’s Plan

Our Mission:
Helping people and communities achieve better health is our reason for existence. It sets us apart from our competitors—we are committed to making a difference for all of Florida’s communities.

Pay On Time, Every Time
Making payments on time and as billed can help your business run smoothly and prevent a late status that delays coverage for your employees. To ensure your coverage stays active, here are a few key dates and tasks to remember.

By the 10th of each month, use BluesEnroll to add or remove any employees so your next invoice will be up-to-date. Changes after the 10th will appear on the following month’s invoice.

On the 20th of each month, view your bill. You’ll get an email that your bill is ready. Just click on the link to access your account and use the View and Pay Invoice tool.

On the 1st day of each month, pay the total amount, as billed on your invoice. Any changes to your enrollment will be reflected on your next invoice.

TIP — Always pay “as billed” to avoid delays.

TIP — Set up autodraft premium payments through your account and never worry about missing a payment.

We understand how important your health coverage is to you and your company. Following these simple steps will help ensure that your invoice is paid on time and in full.
Renew Your Autodraft Payment Through VPI

As you renew your health plan for 2017, don’t forget to reset up your autodraft payment. Please visit BlueBiz to renew your autodraft payment for premium through View and Pay Invoice (VPI) as that feature will expire with your current year plan.

To set up or renew your autodraft, follow these steps:

1. From the View and Pay Invoice home page, click Pay All Now.
2. Click Make Online Payment.
3. Choose Payment Account or Create a New Account.
4. Choose the payment amount and date of payment.
5. Confirm payment information and Submit Payment.

We’re here to help. If you have any questions about using this feature please call your Membership & Billing representative.

Educating Your Employees

Stay Informed About Zika

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a warning, advising pregnant women and their partners to not travel to a small community just north of downtown Miami, where Zika is actively circulating. As of Monday (Aug. 1), it is believed that 14 people in the Wynwood/Midtown/Design District have been infected with the virus.

At Florida Blue, our mission is to help people and communities achieve better health. As part of that commitment, we are providing some links to more information about the Zika virus and ways you can protect yourself.

Here are some easy precautions you can take:

Drain:

- Once a week, drain and cover areas that have standing water, such as tires, buckets, planters, toys, pools, birdbaths, flowerpots or trash containers.
- Empty and clean pet water bowls at least once or twice a week.
- Empty plastic swimming pools when not in use.
Cover:
- When going outside, the CDC and Florida Department of Health recommend using an insect repellent containing DEET.
- Cover skin (especially children) with clothing that covers arms and legs.
- Cover cribs and strollers with mosquito netting.
- Use air conditioning when available.
- Use screens on windows and doors and repair any holes.

Other resources
The CDC is the best resource for the most up-to-date information about Zika. Read more on their Zika resource page.
This travel guidance for Floridians is important to read if you live near an area where Zika has been identified.

We are here for you
As long as the Zika virus remains a concern in Florida, we will do our best at Florida Blue to keep you informed, and we will work with our community partners to help you stay safe.

Making the Most Out of Your Trip to the Pharmacy
You’ve just been to see your doctor and now you’re leaving with a prescription for a medication. Did you know that spending a few minutes on floridablue.com can help save you money when filling your prescription? It can be as easy as filling your prescription at an in-network pharmacy or asking your doctor to request an authorization for the medication.
To see which drugs require a preapproval, find a pharmacy or look up your cost, visit the Pharmacy Drug Coverage resource page.
To find out if a certain drug is covered, log in at floridablue.com to see your medication guide. The medication guide lists covered drugs and authorizations needed. You can also enter drug names and compare prices at different pharmacies.

Here’s how to find the medication guide:
- Go to floridablue.com and log into your account
- Click on My Plan
- Select Pharmacy
- Click on Medication Guide & Specialty Pharmacy
Keeping Up With Health And Wellness

Bringing Wellness Home: Automobile Safety for Kids

Car accidents are the leading unintentional injury cause of death in children. That's why it's important to make sure your kids are as safe as they can be when they ride in the car. Here are some basic car safety tips:

- Make sure kids always wear a seatbelt and that it is worn correctly. Whether it's a quick drive around the block or a cross-country vacation, everyone needs to buckle up. The lower part of the seatbelt should sit low and tight across the upper part of the thighs. It should never be placed across the upper half of the stomach. The shoulder part of the seatbelt should fit snugly across the chest and shoulder, not under the arm or across the neck or face.

- Children should be placed in car seats or booster seats until they are old enough and tall enough to use a seatbelt properly. Make sure you have installed and use your car seats and booster seats according to the seat’s owner’s manual. If you need assistance, you can get help from a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician. To locate one near you, go to cert.safekids.org/get-car-seat-checked, and search the directory for inspection stations.

- Children 12 and under should sit in the backseat. Buckle children in the middle of the backseat when possible, because it's the safest place to ride. If the vehicle gets into an accident, the passenger in the backseat has much less of a chance of hitting something hard like the windshield. Also, those riding in the back won't be injured when the airbag inflates rapidly during a crash.

- Children under the age of 13 and rear-facing car seats should never be in a seat with an airbag. Airbags, when combined with safety belts, protect adults and teens from injury during a collision. However, they can cause serious harm to smaller children.

Parents and adults transporting children can set a good example by always using a seatbelt. For more information on staying safe while riding in a vehicle, please visit the sites listed here:

cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/child_passenger_safety/index.html
safercar.gov/parents/index.htm
kidshealth.org/en/parents/auto.html
http://cert.safekids.org/get-car-seat-checked

Healthy Addition®

Are you an expecting mother and a Florida Blue member? If so, you may enroll in the Healthy Addition® Prenatal Education Program to learn how to take the best care of you and your baby.

A nurse can be contacted:
Monday – Friday
8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
By email: healthyaddition@floridablue.com
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