

# Primary Care Provider Toolkit





IMPORTANT NOTE: THIS TOOLKIT IS DESIGNED FOR FULLY-INSURED GROUPS WITH MORE THAN 50 MEMBERS ENROLLED IN PROVIDENCE HEALTH PLAN

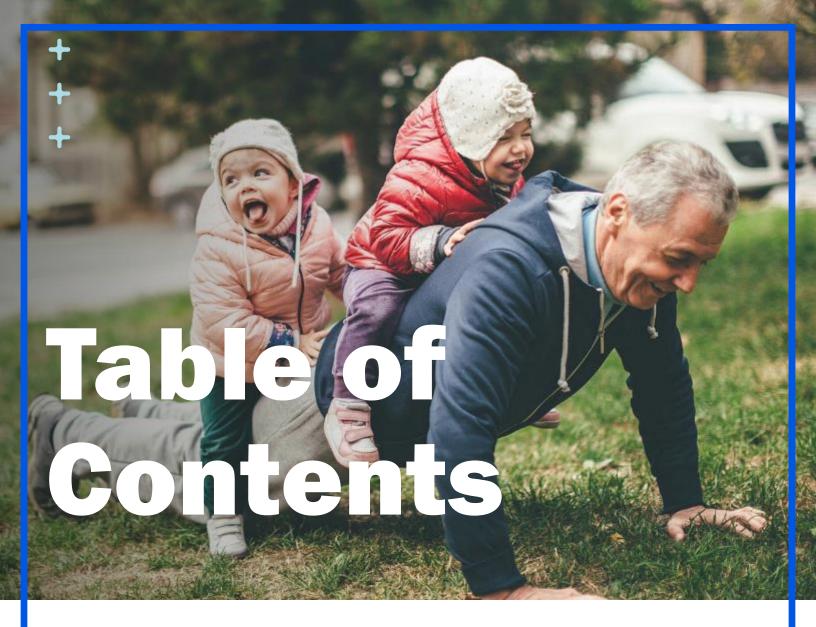


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This toolkit is designed to help you communicate an important health plan benefit, preventive services, to your employees. We want to make it easier for you to help your employees make choices to support a healthy lifestyle. In this toolkit, you'll learn more about the importance of having a primary care provider, our preventive care benefits, as well as communication tools to support a wellness campaign.

Our Health Management team is here to help. Contact your Health Management Consultant or Account Manager for more information.





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# **Preventive care matters**



Regular visits to primary care providers help keep us in good health. Yet many people aren't aware about the preventive care they need. According for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Americans get preventive services at only half the recommended rate. In a recent poll, 26% of adults and nearly 50% of millennials reported that they do not have a primary care provider.2

## Employee health is good for business

Three conditions that cost employers the most – diabetes, heart attacks and high blood pressure - can often be prevented or caught early and treated successfully.3 And when employers provide paid time for doctor appointments, it shows employees that the organization values their well-being, which can improve employee retention rates and may help the bottom line over the long term.

## Preventive care helps employees stay well

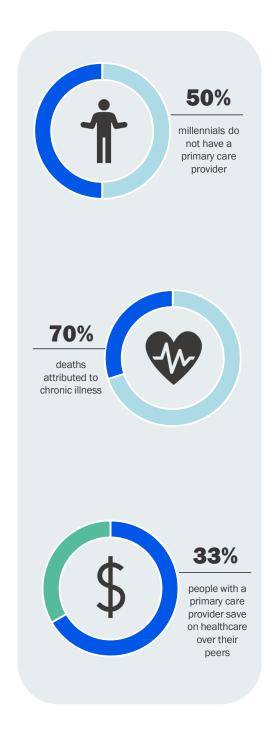
Preventive benefits are designed to help detect potential health concerns early, which can ward off more serious health issues and avoid high medical expenses. Consider that 7 out of 10 deaths are attributed to chronic illnesses, such as diabetes and heart disease, which are preventable and/or manageable with appropriate healthcare. 1 If everyone saw a primary care provider first for their care, it would save the U.S. an estimated \$67 billion every year.4

Primary care providers ensure patients get the right care, in the right place, by the most appropriate provider, and in alignment patient's preferences. People who have a primary care provider have 33% lower healthcare spending over their peers who only see specialists.<sup>5</sup> Access to primary care helps keep people out of emergency rooms, where care costs at least four times as much other outpatient care.6

Even if an employee is healthy today, encourage them to use their preventive benefits to stay that way. They are available to help you make the most of your life.

## Data for your population

Contact your Health Management Consultant if you're interested in understanding your population's health risks or learning more about your employees current preventive screening metrics.



- "Preventive Health Care." Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- "Kaiser Health Tracking Poll", KasierFamily Foundation
- "Increase Productivity," Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- "Report on Financing the New Model of Family Medicine," The Annals of Family Medicine "Primary Care: Can It Solve Employers' Health Care Dilemma?." Health Affairs
- "Why Do We Continue Using the ER for Care?," U.S. News and World Report







# **Create your communications strategy**





## **Communications Plan**

A communications plan is your roadmap for informing your employees about a new initiative and determining when and how you intend to communicate it. Developing a communications plan can increase employee awareness, increase program participation, and ultimately improve health-related behaviors.

As you develop your communications plan for this campaign, it's important to:

- + Determine the campaign dates
  - + Consider promoting preventive services in alignment with our targeted outreach. Learn more here.
- + Create a calendar for communication material dates announcement date, launch date, when materials will be dispersed to leaders, when materials will be posted, etc.
- Familiarize yourself with the materials
- + Customize materials with your branding and incentive
- + Remember to include how you'll measure success
  - + including participation goals



## **Communication Tips**

Here are a few tips to help spread the word:

- Modify the communication materials so they resonate with your employees and the organization's culture
- + Use a variety of communication methods
- + Get the messages to leaders –supervisors, wellness committee members, wellness champions –and make it easy for them to share the information
- Make it social. Use an organization-wide event –like an all-staff meeting, health fair or biometric screening event –to help launch the campaign
- Make sure employees understand the purpose of the campaign and how the campaign will benefit them
- + Consider tying it to an incentive or promotion







# **Engage your employees**



We've developed communication tools to inform employees about the importance of preventive care. As an employer, you can customize these templates to drive awareness and engagement - just import the file into design software and then add your organization's name or logo. These resources are found in the Appendix of the toolkit.

## **Campaign Materials**

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**Flyer** Print copies and hang in common areas, such as stairwells, elevators, restrooms, breakrooms, lunch rooms, etc.

Email Send to all employees.

Infographics Print copies and hang in common areas, such as stairwells, elevators, restrooms, breakrooms,

> FAO Post on organization's intranet site or incorporate into campaign email by adding a hyperlink.

lunch rooms, etc.

**Additional Providence Health Plan Resources** 



**Provider Directory** Post on organization's intranet site or incorporate into campaign email by adding a hyperlink.



Types of Care Print copies and hand out during team meetings or leave in visible common areas.



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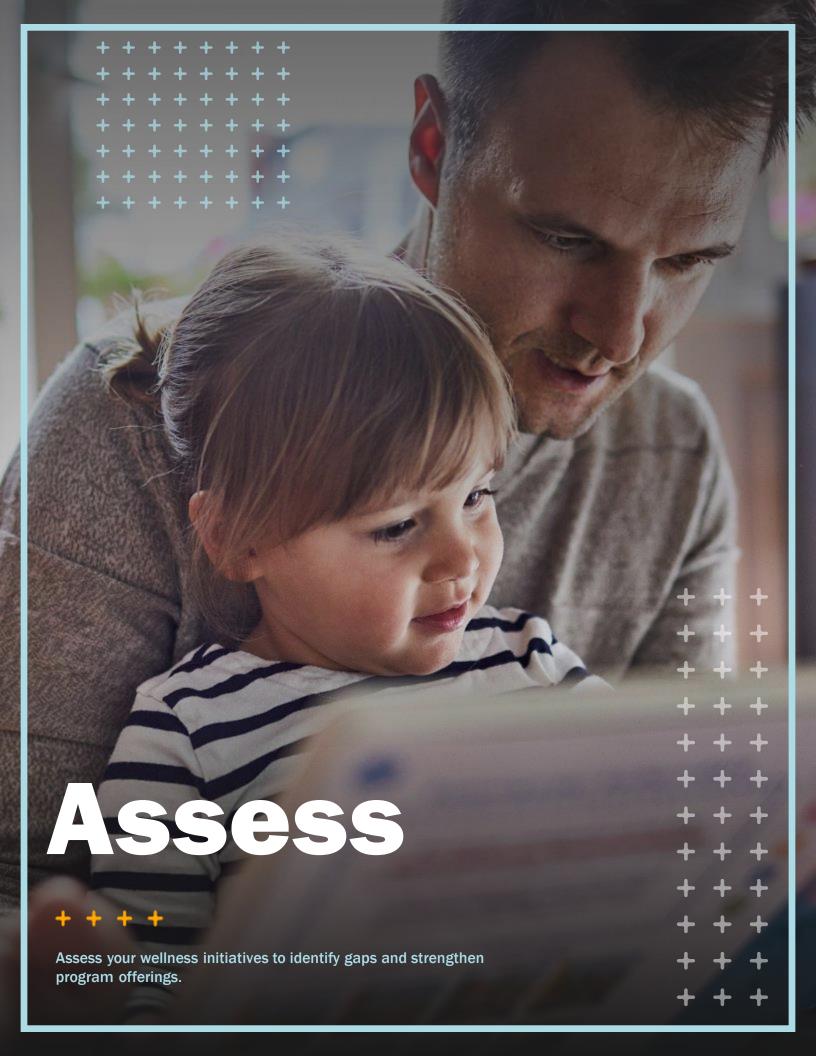
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**Preventive Services** Post on organization's intranet site or incorporate into program overview email by adding hyperlink.



**Express Care Virtual** Print copies and hang in common areas, such as stairwells, elevators, restrooms, breakrooms, lunch rooms, etc.









# **Evaluate the impact of your campaign**



To support your evaluation efforts, we provide aggregate reporting annually to help you understand engagement and effectiveness.

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Annual engagement reporting Available on request for groups with 50+ subscribers Includes information on your population's preventive screenings utilization.

02



Personal health assessment aggregate report

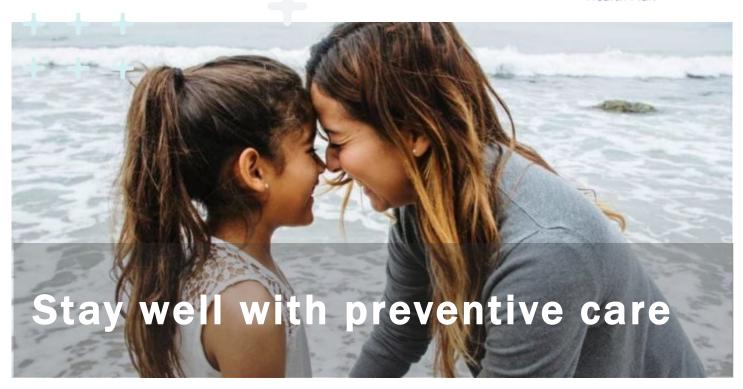
Available on request when 25+ employees complete their PHA Includes information on your population's self-reported preventive screenings utilization.



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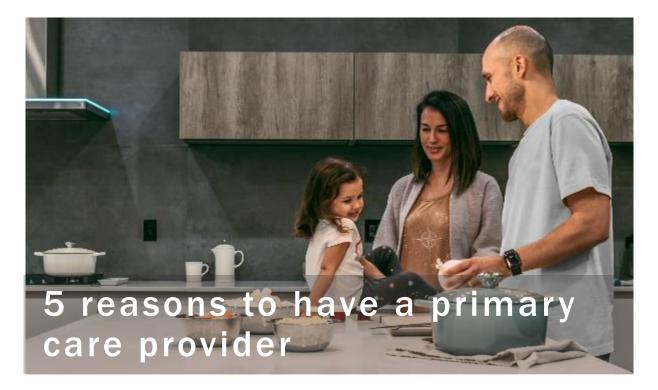


# A primary care provider is good for your health and well-being:

- + Preventive care leads to better health outcomes
- + Enhanced patient-provider relationship and health transparency
- + Improved management of chronic conditions
- + Timely referrals to specialized care when needed
- + Lower cost of care and reduction in hospital visits
- + Greater overall healthcare experience

Find in-network primary care providers at ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/ProviderDirectory.





## No matter how healthy you are, you really should have a primary care provider

## You'll stay healthier

Numerous studies show that patients who see their primary care provider (PCP) regularly are less likely to be hospitalized or have surgery.

## You'll save money

Preventive care is covered in full when you see an in-network provider. By seeing your PCP regularly, you're more likely to keep issues like high blood pressure at bay which will help avoid costly prescriptions later on.

## You'll save time

Your provider may help with physical exams, immunizations, lab tests, and other types of screenings. You can schedule to have your primary care physical with your annual women's health check-up.

## Your PCP is your health care hub

Your provider coordinates care with other health care professionals to ensure you receive the right care, at the right time, at the right cost.

## Your PCP is your trusted partner

Your provider is a trusted source for health information and helps you navigate the health system by providing medical advice to help you make informed decisions.

Find an in-network primary care provider at <a href="ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/ProviderDirectory">ProviderDirectory</a>.

Remember, primary care providers practice internal medicine, family practice, pediatrics or obstetrics & gynecology.

Find a provider



## A trusted partner

Your provider is a trusted source for health information and helps you navigate the health system by providing medical advice to help you make informed decisions.

## Continuum of care

Your provider knows your background – things like your medical and family history, medications and treatment preferences. Your provider is able to monitor changes over time and make accurate diagnosis based on your unique health history.

## Your health care hub

Your provider coordinates care with other health care professionals to ensure you receive the right care, at the right time, at the right cost.

## Broad view of care

Your provider is focused on your whole-health and takes a personalized, holistic approach to your health concerns and goals.

## Prevention

Your provider may help with physical exams, immunizations, lab tests, and other types of screenings. Look at your benefits to see what preventive care is covered in full by your health plan.

To find a doctor or schedule an appointment, go to: ProvidenceHealthPlan.com | 800.878.4445



## In - network

Determine which providers are "in-network" for your health plan. You will generally pay less out of pocket costs because your health insurance has negotiated special rates with these providers.

## Logistics + preferences

Think about logistics and your preferences.

Consider things like location, office hours,
gender, primary language, and cultural
background.

## Big picture

Think big picture. Research the provider's philosophy of patient care, their specialty focuses, and their areas of interest.

## Quality

Conduct a quality check. Research your provider's education, certification, and performance history. You can also check your health plan to see which providers have a special designation for quality and cost efficiency.

## Access

Think about your access to care. Consider the communication methods available to contact your provider, your ability to access your health records, and your provider's schedule availability.

## Comfortable

Be sure you feel comfortable. You rely on your provider to help manage your care; your provider should listen to your concerns, encourage you to ask questions and explains things in an understanding way.

## Environment

Evaluate the environment. Take into account the environment of the office, the culture of the employees and organization, and the efficiency of your appointment.



## **Common questions about preventive care**

## Overview

- + What is a primary care provider?
- + What kind of primary care doctor do I need?
- + What's included under the preventive care benefit?
- + What's the difference between preventive and diagnostic care?
- + How do I know how much my visit will cost?
- + What if I receive preventive and nonpreventive services in the same office visit?

## Finding a primary care provider

- + How do I find a primary care provider?
- + What should I consider when deciding if a provider is a good fit?

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+ How does Providence protect my privacy?

## Additional assistance

+ Who should I contact is I have additional questions?





## Frequently asked questions

## **Overview**

## What is a primary care provider?

As you travel through life, a primary care provider is your expert companion. A primary care provider gets to know you and your health history and goals, helping you to make healthy progress year over year. A primary care provider evaluates your health regularly through checkups, screenings and examinations and is usually the first to notice developing health issues before they become urgent.

## What kind of primary care doctor do I need?

You can choose from different types of primary care doctors, depending on your needs and preferences:

- + Family medicine: family medicine doctor can care for your whole family.
- + Pediatricians: Pediatricians specialize in children's health from birth to age 18.
- + Internal medicine: Internal medicine doctors care for adults. They prevent, treat and diagnose diseases.
- + OB-GYN: OB-GYN doctors specialize in women's reproductive health. They are experts in things like pregnancy, birth, and menopause. They are able to provide screenings, like blood pressure and cholesterol, but you'll still need a primary care doctor for whole-body issues, like mental health and respiratory conditions.

## What's included under the preventive care benefit?

Preventive services include vaccines; cancer screenings; blood pressure and cholesterol tests; and alcohol, tobacco and weight screenings.

Download a list of preventive services <u>here</u>. Preventive services may vary by things like age, gender, and risk status. Check your benefits if you have questions about your plan's coverage.

## What's the difference between preventive and diagnostic care?

Diagnostic services help your provider diagnose your illness or health condition and decide on your treatment. Diagnostic services include things like treating an illness or injury, monitoring your current health condition or diagnosing a new condition.

## How do I know how much my visit will cost?

Preventive care that is delivered by a contracted, in-network health care provider is covered in full under the U.S. Affordable Care Act. To verify the details of your preventive care coverage, log into your myProvidence to access your plan benefits and member handbook. If you don't have a myProvidence account, registering for one is quick and easy.

A <u>treatment cost calculator</u>, located in myProvidence provides personalized information about the estimated costs of treatment, including possible exam and lab fees. You can also compare providers and medical facilities to make sure you're getting the best care at the best price. the most of your health care dollars –hundreds and even thousands of dollars by comparing costs through this tool.

## What if I receive preventive and non-preventive services in the same office visit?

You can have preventive and non-preventive services in the same office visit. Your office visit benefit may apply to the non-preventive part of your visit.



## Finding a primary care provider

## How do I find a primary care provider?

To find a health care provider start by looking in the provider directory located online at <a href="https://example.com/ProviderDirectory">ProviderDirectory</a>. You may also contact customer service at 800-878-4445 for assistance finding a provider.

## What should I consider when deciding if a provider is a good fit?

Your primary care provider must be someone you trust, with whom you feel a rapport. An ideal relationship with a primary care provider should be comfortable, with both patient and provider valuing one another's thoughts and opinions. It's a sound approach to ask your friends or family what they like about their own providers or turn to the Internet to see what other people in the community have to say. It's always a good strategy to call the provider's office and ask questions such as:

- + Is your health insurance plan compatible with the provider? This may change during the year, so you should always ask.
- + Is the provider accepting new patients?
- + What is the providers treatment philosophy?
- + Does the provider practice at the hospital of your choice?
- + Is the office close to your home or your work and how will you get there?
- + Will the provider personally visit you in the hospital?
- + Is the provider part of a group of providers sharing offices?
- + Who will see you if your provider is not available?
- + If you have a medical condition, how much experience does the provider have in treating it?
- + Are services such as sutures and X-rays referred to an urgent care facility or emergency room?
- + Does your provider offer immunizations, like the flu shot in the fall?
- + If you need a form filled out, does the provider require another office visit?
- + Will the appointment times work with your schedule?
- + Do you need a provider with extended, evening or special office hours?
- + How long will it take to get an appointment?
- + How long do appointments usually last?
- + Can you make the appointment online or via smartphone app?
- + If you call with a question, how soon does the office return your call?
- + Is the office staff respectful and helpful?
- + Can you communicate with the provider via e-mail?
- + Can you access your medical records online?
- + Does the provider speak your language or have an interpreter available?
- + If you have limited mobility, are you able to get into the provider's office, access the exam
- + tables and scales, and get key information in ways that meet your needs?

## **Privacy**

## How does Providence protect my privacy?

Your privacy and data security are extremely important and protections are in place to keep your data safe. Your personal health information is confidential and protected by the Health Insurance and Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and will not be shared with your employer.

## Additional assistance

## Who should I contact if I have additional questions?

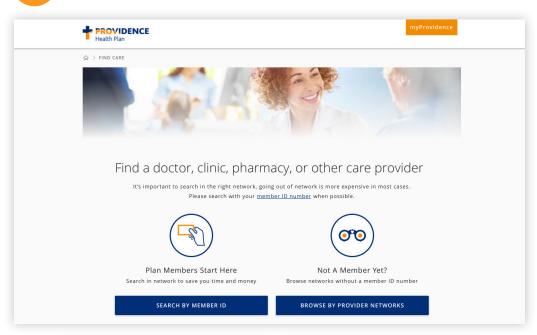
For customer support, contact Providence Health Plan member services at 503-574-7500 or 800-878-445, TTY: 711, Monday-Friday, 8a.m.-5p.m.



Providence Health Plan's online provider directory makes it easy to find providers, pharmacies and facilities.

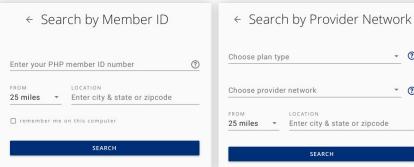
Providence offers access to nearly a million providers nationwide.

- Find in-network providers, pharmacies and facilities: Visit our website at: www.ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/providerdirectory or click 'find a provider' from the Providence Health Plan home page
- Two ways to search



For best results, search by member **ID** number (from your member ID card)

Select "Search"

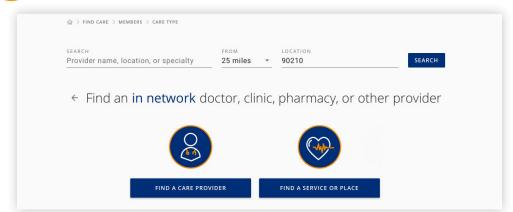


Choose provider network Enter city & state or zipcode Or, if you don't have your member ID, select your type of plan and provider network Select "Search"



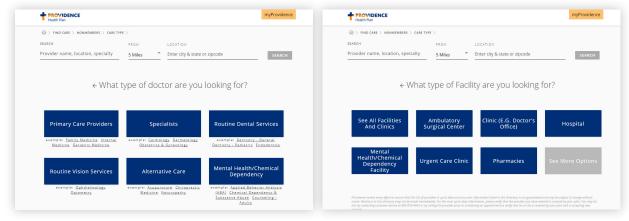
## **Tailor your search**

Search by Provider, place, name, keyword or location



## **Select Provider type**

## Select type of service or location



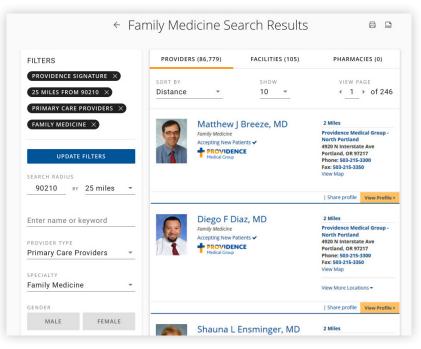
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## **Customize Results**

Find a doctor - including specialists
- by name

Filter results by:

- Type/Specialty
- Location
- Gender
- Languages spoken



Select between providers, facilities or pharmacies.

Click on the provider name for more detailed information, including years in practice.

# Get the right care at the right time for the right price

Want to spend less money and get great care? Here's a guide to your options.



Not sure if you need care? Just want advice about what to do next? Talk to a registered nurse by phone for free, 24/7.

- Always free, always there
- ► Call 800-700-0481 or 503-574-6520



# Express Care Virtual (free\*)

Need treatment, but have a fairly simple problem and want to stay home? Have a live secure video visit with a provider from your tablet, smartphone or computer.

- Open extended hours, 7 days a week
- Go to providence healthplan.com/ virtualvisit



# Express Care Clinics (free\*)

Need same-day treatment when it's not an emergency? Want to be seen in person? Find a clinic near you, including inside many Walgreens.

- Same-day appointments,7 days a week
- Visit providence expresscare.org



# Primary Care (\$)

Want to see someone who knows your health, but it's not urgent? Have a chronic problem, need preventive care or follow-up? See your primary care provider.

- **▶** By appointment
- Call your primary care clinic



# Urgent Care (\$\$)

Know you need help right away, but don't think you are in immediate danger? Urgent care can deal with things like minor cuts and burns, infections and more.

- Seen according to urgency of problem
- Visit an urgent care facility near you



# Emergency (\$\$\$\$)

Think your life may be in danger? Maybe you have signs of heart attack, stroke, uncontrolled bleeding or unbearable pain? You need the E.R.

- ▶ Call 9-1-1
- Get a ride to the nearest hospital





## **ProvRN**

ProvRN is great for getting advice about minor problems, or to determine if you need further care.

Maybe you aren't sure whether your fever is high enough to need treatment, or you wonder how to treat a mild rash.

# Express Care Virtual

Providence Express Care Virtual is great for things that need treatment, including a prescription, but don't require hands-on care.

For example, maybe you have a sinus, ear or eye infection. Or a cough or rash that won't go away. It's like having Facetime with a doctor.

# Express Care Clinics

Providence Express Care clinics are great for when you want to be seen by a person the same day.

Maybe you have a sprain, strain or bad headache. You could also have a minor cut or burn, or nausea and vomiting.

## Primary Care

Primary Care is best when you want someone who knows you and your health.

Maybe you're really not sure what the problem is (like fatigue) and you need your health care partner to investigate, or you have a chronic illness that you need help managing.

# **Urgent Care**

Urgent care is best when you know you need help today, don't want to make an appointment or don't have an Express Care clinic nearby.

It's best used for things like minor cuts and burns, ear, nose and throat problems, sprains and strains or stomach problems, to name a few

## Emergency

Emergency care is what you use when you feel you may be in danger.

It's best for things like suspected heart attack, stroke, severe abdominal pain, poisoning, choking, loss of consciousness and uncontrolled bleeding.

## ProvidenceHealthPlan.com







# **Adult preventive services**

Use your preventive care benefits: These benefits are covered and available to help you stay well.

As a Providence Health Plans member, you and your enrolled dependents have access to preventive care services. For most members many of these services are covered in full when you receive care from in-network providers. See your member materials for specific benefit information or call customer services at 503-574-7500 for more information.

#### Cancer

#### **Breast Cancer**

- + Mammography (women 40+, every 1-2 years)
- + Genetic (BRCA) Screening and counseling (women who meet criteria based on personal & family history
- + Risk reducing medication prescription (women at high risk)

#### Cervical Cancer (women)

+ Pap testing HPV DNA testing (women 30+)

#### Colorectal cancer

- + Sigmoidoscopy, and/or colonoscopy (adults 50+)
- + Aspirin (adults 50-59)

## Lung cancer screening

(adults 55-80 at high risk, one per calendar year)

#### Skin cancer

Behavioral counseling

#### **Chronic Conditions**

Abdominal aortic aneurysm screening (men 65-75, one per lifetime)

#### Cardiovascular health

- + Blood pressure screening
- + Cholesterol screening (one per calendar year)
- + Aspirin (adults 50-59)

## Depression screening

Diabetes (Type 2) screening and intensive behavioral counseling (one per calendar year)

## Hepatitis B screening

(adults at high risk for infection)

## Hepatitis C Screening

(adults born between 1945 and 1965)

# Obesity and overweight screening and behavioral interventions

## Osteoporosis screening (women 60+)

Tuberculosis screening for infection (at risk adults)

## Health promotion

Alcohol misuse screening and counseling

## Domestic and interpersonal violence screening and counseling (at least annually)

# Fall prevention counseling and Vitamin D prescription (at-risk adults 65+)

Gynecological exam, pelvic and breast exam (women, one per calendar year)

## Nutrition counseling

Periodic health exams

Thyroid screening (women, one per calendar year)

## Tobacco screening and cessation interventions

- + Behavioral counseling
- + Pharmacotherapy

## Well-woman preventive care visits

## Immunizations Hepatitis A

Hepatitis B

HPV

Influenza

## Measles, Mumps and Rubella

Meningococcal

#### Pneumococcal

Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis

## Varicella

Zoster (Shingles)

## Pregnancy related

## Breastfeeding supports + Counseling and support

- + Counseling and support + Equipment and supplies
- + Equipment and supplies
  (Hospital- grade breast
  pump rental for duration
  of breastfeeding or
  purchase of commercial
  grade pump through a
  participating DME
  supplier)

# Folic acid supplement prescription (0.4-0.8mg;

women with reproductive capacity; supplements containing DHA are <u>not</u> covered)

## Low-dose aspirin prescription (women with high-risk for preeclampsia)

## Prenatal visits and many services necessary for prenatal care (women)

## Screenings for pregnant women

- Bacteriuria urinary tract or other UTI
- + Chlamydia infection
- Gestational diabetes (one per pregnancy)
- + Hepatitis B
- + HIV (and counseling)
- + RH (D) incompatibility

## Reproductive health

## Contraception

- + All FDA-approved contraceptive methods as prescribed
- + Sterilization procedures
- Patient education and counseling
- + <u>Not</u> covered: abortifacient agents

## Preconception care (women)

+ Not covered: fertility and infertility care

#### Screenings

- + Chlamydia infection (women)
- + Gonorrhea (women)
- Syphilis (adults at high risk)
- + HIV (and counseling)

## STI prevention counseling (women)



# Providence Express Care Virtual No appointment necessary.

With Providence Express Care Virtual, visiting a care provider has never been easier. Using your smartphone, tablet or computer, you can have a secure, online visit with a provider at your convenience.

Providence Express Care Virtual is available nationwide, at no cost\* for most Providence Health Plan members.

Get a diagnosis and treatment recommendation for common health concerns, such as:

- Sinus, ear and eye infections
- Cough, cold and flu
- Rash and joint issues

For a complete list of conditions, visit **Virtual.Providence.org.** 

Express Care Virtual is available seven days a week:

- In Oregon, Washington and Montana:
   8 a.m. to midnight (Pacific Time)
- In California: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Pacific Time)
- Outside of Oregon, Washington, Montana and California: 24 hours a day

## It's as easy as 1, 2, 3

## 1. Sign up

Download the app (if on mobile). Input your personal information. If using Providence Express Care Virtual outside of OR/WA/MT/CA, enter service key "Providence".

## 2. Select a provider

Choose from the list of available health care providers.

## 3. Have your visit

See a provider right away. Get your diagnosis and treatment.

Download the free app from the App Store or get it on Google Play. Search by typing in "Express Care Virtual."





Visit **Virtual.Providence.org** to create a free account today so you're ready when you need it.

<sup>\*</sup>Providence Express Care Virtual is covered in full for most Providence health plans. HSA plan members must first meet their plan deductible.





## **Preventive care mailers**

Providence Health Plan provides targeted outreach throughout the year to educate members on prevention and their preventive care benefits. Consider promoting these preventive services in alignment with our outreach.



## April

+ High Blood Pressure



## September

+ Flu Shot



## May

- + Colorectal Screening
- + Cervical Cancer Screening



## October

- + Breast Cancer Screening
- + Respiratory Health



## July/ August

- + Women's Health
- + Osteoporosis



## November

- + Tobacco Cessation
- + Diabetes





# **We all deserve True Health**



For questions about implementing a preventive care campaign, contact

WorkplaceWellness@providence.org

