

Live well with services and support

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Feeling your best

Many people live with a behavioral health condition

People of any age, gender, income, race or religion can be affected by:

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Eating disorders
- Substance use disorders

These are health conditions that can affect how people think, feel and act.

Sometimes, the effects are mild and short lived. Other times, they're more serious and long lasting. Either way, there are effective treatments that can help. But the condition must be diagnosed first.

If you're coping with a behavioral health condition, there's good news. Your medical plan includes behavioral health benefits. That means we're here with the help and resources you need to work toward feeling your best.

Options for getting treatment

We work with top universities and research groups to learn more about how our minds and bodies work together. And we're using what we learn to help you get access to the safest, most effective treatments available.

Behavioral therapy

This is also known as talk therapy. It's one of the main ways to treat a behavioral health condition. It can help you:

- · Identify issues in your life that can contribute to problems
- Manage and move beyond those issues

A therapy session can be one-on-one, in a group or with family. Counseling can be face-to-face in the provider's office or through televideo.

A psychiatrist, psychologist or counselor leads the session. They'll ask questions, listen to you and help you see the options available to you.

And with televideo counseling, there's no need to go to the provider's office. This is a convenient way to get counseling right from your home or while traveling. You can use your computer webcam or a smart device that's connected to the Internet. It's private and secure.

Medication therapy and management

Treatment may involve taking prescription medications. There are many that are effective for treating conditions like depression and substance use disorders.

Your doctors are trained to find the right medications to treat you. And they can answer your questions about possible side effects.

Sometimes, you might not take your medications the way the doctor prescribed them for you. Or you might stop taking them once you feel better. This can cause symptoms to return.

We can:

- Help you learn more about your medications, how they work and why they're important
- Encourage you to talk to your doctor about how you feel
- Encourage you to ask questions about your medications and other possible treatments

Your care advocate

Your care advocate will work closely with you to support your emotional health and everyday needs. They can do all the legwork to help you give your emotional health the high priority it deserves.

They provide:

- Guidance and support
- · Better access to quality care
- Caregiver support
- A simpler experience

The role of your doctor

Your primary care doctor is an important ally in your recovery. They are often the first person to realize you need help. That's why it's important to be open about how you feel and any emotional issues you struggle with.

Your doctor may also:

- · Refer you to behavioral health specialists
- Talk with you about treatment choices
- Prescribe medication for your condition
- · Have follow-up visits to check on how you're doing

So make sure to stay in touch with your doctor throughout treatment.

Take control of your mental and emotional health

We all need support at times. You can always turn to **aetnabehavioralhealth.com** to:

- · Check your emotional well-being
- Improve your mood with self-check tools
- · Find helpful healthy-living tips
- Find caregiver support and resources
- Watch inspirational videos
- Read empowering stories
- Connect with your community

Our online provider search tool

You can search for a mental health professional in your area by logging in to your member website. You'll find contact information for:

- Psychiatrists
- Psychologists
- · Clinical social workers
- Clinical counselors
- · Certified addiction counselors
- Institutes of Quality® facilities
- Televideo behavioral health professionals



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