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Every 40 seconds someone in the U.S. has a heart attack.

You Can Fight Heart Disease

The key risk factors for heart disease are high blood pressure, high LDL (also known as 'bad') cholesterol and smoking. Almost half of Americans have at least one of these three risk factors.

Preventing heart disease

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S. The best way to prevent heart disease is to lower your risk by living a healthy lifestyle. Not sure where to begin? We have simplified five healthy habits to help you live a better life. Another good habit is to see your primary care provider (PCP) for a checkup every year.

Healthy habits can lead to a healthy life

Adopting a healthy lifestyle can seem overwhelming. Breaking it down into specific habits can make it easier.

1. **Eat a healthy diet.** A poor diet can lead to high cholesterol and high blood pressure. Include plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables and foods high in fiber. Choose foods that are low in saturated fat, cholesterol and sodium. Be food smart as packaging may say "low fat" or "low sodium" but the manufacturer may be comparing that food to a super high fat or sodium product. Read the nutrition facts food label as it will give you the most accurate information.
2. **Exercise regularly.** Aim for 30 minutes of aerobic physical activity a day, five days a week.
3. **Watch your weight.** If you are unsure if you are at a healthy weight, see your PCP. If you do need to lose weight, go slowly and aim to lose ½ to 1 lb. a week.
4. **Don't smoke.** Smoking greatly increases your risk of heart disease. Quitting will lower your risk. Keep your home smoke-free as second-hand smoke is dangerous too. See your PCP if you need help quitting.
5. **Limit alcohol.** Alcohol increases your blood pressure.

Know your risk factors including high cholesterol, high blood pressure, diabetes and obesity. Establish a relationship with your PCP so you can:

- **Have your cholesterol levels checked.** Cholesterol deposits can accumulate in the arteries which causes the arteries to harden and narrow.
- **Learn your body mass index (BMI).** BMI is a measurement that shows the amount of fat in your body based on your weight and height.
- **Monitor your blood pressure.** High blood pressure has no symptoms, but its effects are very serious. High blood pressure puts added stress and force on the artery walls.
- **Properly manage any chronic condition.** Your PCP may prescribe medication to treat high cholesterol, high blood pressure, or diabetes. Be sure to follow instructions carefully. If you don't understand something—test results, medication, etc.—ask your PCP. They want you to be healthy too.

Learn more. Log in to *My Account* at carefirst.com and click on *Health Assessment & Online Programs.*

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Email Address	**civilrightscoordinator@carefirst.com**
Telephone Number	410-528-7820
Fax Number	410-505-2011

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Room 509F, HHH Building
Washington, D.C. 20201
800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)

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Foreign Language Assistance

Attention (English): This notice contains information about your insurance coverage. It may contain key dates and you may need to take action by certain deadlines. You have the right to get this information and assistance in your language at no cost. Members should call the phone number on the back of their member identification card. All others may call 855-258-6518 *and wait through the dialogue until prompted to push* 0. *When an agent answers, state the language you need and you will be connected to an interpreter.*

አማርኛ(Amharic) ማሳሰቢያ፦ ይህ ማስታወቂያ ስለ መድን ሽፋንዎ መረጃ ይዟል። ከተወሰኑ ቀነ-ገደቦች በፊት ሊፈጽሟቸው የሚገቡ ነገሮች ሊኖሩ ስለሚችሉ እነዚህን ወሳኝ ቀናት ሊይዝ ይችላል። ይኽን መረጃ የማግኘት እና ያለምንም ክፍያ በቋንቋዎ እገዛ የማግኘት መብት አለዎት። አባል ከሆኑ ከመታወቂያ ካርድዎ በስተጀርባ ላይ ወደተጠቀሰው የስልክ ቁጥር መደወል ይችላሉ። አባል ካልሆኑ ደግሞ ወደ ስልክ ቁጥር 855-258-6518 ደውለው 0ን እንዲጫኑ እስኪነገርዎ ድረስ ንግግሩን መጠበቅ አለብዎ። አንድ ወኪል መልስ ሲሰጥዎ፣ የሚፈልጉትን ቋንቋ ያሳውቁ፣ ከዚያም ከተርጓሚ ጋር ይገናኛሉ።

Èdè Yorùbá (Yoruba) Ìtẹ́tíléko: Àkíyèsí yìí ní ìwífún nípa iṣẹ́ adójútòfò rẹ. Ó le ní àwọn déètì pàtó o sì le ní láti gbé ìgbésẹ̀ ní àwọn ọjọ́ gbèdéke kan. O ni ẹ̀tọ́ láti gba ìwífún yìí àti ìrànlọ́wọ́ ní èdè rẹ lọ́fẹ̀ẹ́. Àwọn ọmọ-ẹgbẹ́ gbọ́dọ̀ pe nọ́mbà fóònù tó wà lẹ́yìn káàdì ìdánimọ̀ wọn. Àwọn míràn le pe 855-258-6518 kí o sì dúró nípasẹ̀ ìjíròrò tití a ó fi sọ fún ọ láti tẹ 0. Nígbàtí aṣojú kan bá dáhùn, sọ èdè tí o fẹ́ a ó sì so ọ́ pọ̀ mọ́ ògbufọ̀ kan.

Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese) Chú ý: Thông báo này chứa thông tin về phạm vi bảo hiểm của quý vị. Thông báo có thể chứa những ngày quan trọng và quý vị cần hành động trước một số thời hạn nhất định. Quý vị có quyền nhận được thông tin này và hỗ trợ bằng ngôn ngữ của quý vị hoàn toàn miễn phí. Các thành viên nên gọi số điện thoại ở mặt sau của thẻ nhận dạng. Tất cả những người khác có thể gọi số 855-258-6518 và chờ hết cuộc đối thoại cho đến khi được nhắc nhấn phím 0. Khi một tổng đài viên trả lời, hãy nêu rõ ngôn ngữ quý vị cần và quý vị sẽ được kết nối với một thông dịch viên.

Tagalog (Tagalog) Atensyon: Ang abisong ito ay naglalaman ng impormasyon tungkol sa nasasaklawan ng iyong insurance. Maaari itong maglaman ng mga pinakamahalagang petsa at maaaring kailangan mong gumawa ng aksyon ayon sa ilang deadline. May karapatan ka na makuha ang impormasyong ito at tulong sa iyong sariling wika nang walang gastos. Dapat tawagan ng mga Miyembro ang numero ng telepono na nasa likuran ng kanilang identification card. Ang lahat ng iba ay maaaring tumawag sa 855-258-6518 at maghintay hanggang sa dulo ng diyalogo hanggang sa diktahan na pindutin ang 0. Kapag sumagot ang ahente, sabihin ang wika na kailangan mo at ikokonekta ka sa isang interpreter.

Español (Spanish) Atención: Este aviso contiene información sobre su cobertura de seguro. Es posible que incluya fechas clave y que usted tenga que realizar alguna acción antes de ciertas fechas límite. Usted tiene derecho a obtener esta información y asistencia en su idioma sin ningún costo. Los asegurados deben llamar al número de teléfono que se encuentra al reverso de su tarjeta de identificación. Todos los demás pueden llamar al 855-258-6518 y esperar la grabación hasta que se les indique que deben presionar 0. Cuando un agente de seguros responda, indique el idioma que necesita y se le comunicará con un intérprete.

Русский (Russian) Внимание! Настоящее уведомление содержит информацию о вашем страховом обеспечении. В нем могут указываться важные даты, и от вас может потребоваться выполнить некоторые действия до определенного срока. Вы имеете право бесплатно получить настоящие сведения и сопутствующую помощь на удобном вам языке. Участникам следует обращаться по номеру телефона, указанному на тыльной стороне идентификационной карты. Все прочие абоненты могут звонить по номеру 855-258-6518 и ожидать, пока в голосовом меню не будет предложено нажать цифру «0». При ответе агента укажите желаемый язык общения, и вас свяжут с переводчиком.

हिन्दी (Hindi) ध्यान दें: इस सूचना में आपकी बीमा कवरेज के बारे में जानकारी दी गई है। हो सकता है कि इसमें मुख्य तिथियों का उल्लेख हो और आपके लिए किसी नियत समय-सीमा के भीतर काम करना ज़रूरी हो। आपको यह जानकारी और संबंधित सहायता अपनी भाषा में निःशुल्क पाने का अधिकार है। सदस्यों को अपने पहचान पत्र के पीछे दिए गए फ़ोन नंबर पर कॉल करना चाहिए। अन्य सभी लोग 855-258-6518 पर कॉल कर सकते हैं और जब तक 0 दबाने के लिए न कहा जाए, तब तक संवाद की प्रतीक्षा करें। जब कोई एजेंट उत्तर दे तो उसे अपनी भाषा बताएँ और आपको व्याख्याकार से कनेक्ट कर दिया जाएगा।

Bǎsɔ́ɔ̀-wùdù (Bassa) Tò Đùǔ Cáo! Bɔ̌ nìà kɛ ɓá nyɔ ɓě ké m̀ gbo kpá ɓó nì fǔà-fǔá-tìǐn nyɛɛ jè dyí. Bɔ̌ nìà kɛ ɓédɖé wé jɛ́ɛ́ ɓě ɓɛ́ m̀ ké dɛ wa mó m̀ ké nyuɛɛ nyu hwè ɓɛ́ wé ɓěa ké zi. Ɔ mò nì kpé ɓɛ́ m̀ ké bɔ̌ nìà kɛ kè gbo-kpá-kpá m̀ mɔ́ɛɛ dyé dɖé nì ɓídɖí-wùdù mú ɓɛ́ m̀ ké se wídɖí dɔ̀ pɛ́è. Kpooɔ̀ nyɔ ɓě mɛ dɖá fǔùn-nɔ̀ɓà nìà dɖé waà I.D. káàɔ̀ dɛín nyɛ. Nyɔ tɔ̀ɔ̀ séín mɛ dɖá nɔ̀ɓà nìà kɛ: 855-258-6518, ké m̀ mɛ fò tee ɓɛ́ wa kéɛ m̀ gbo cɛ̃ ɓɛ́ m̀ ké nɔ̀ɓà mɔà 0 kɛɛ dyi pàdɖàìn hwè. Ɔ jǔ ké nyɔ dɔ̀ dyi m̀ gɔ̌ jǔǐn, po wudu m̀ mɔ́ poɛ dyiɛ, ké nyɔ dɔ̀ mu ɓó nììn ɓɛ́ ɔ ké nì wuduɔ̀ mú zà.

বাংলা (Bengali) লক্ষ্য করুন: এই নোটিশে আপনার বিমা কভারেজ সম্পর্কে তথ্য রয়েছে। এর মধ্যে গুরুত্বপূর্ণ তারিখ থাকতে পারে এবং নির্দিষ্ট তারিখের মধ্যে আপনাকে পদক্ষেপ নিতে হতে পারে। বিনা খরচে নিজের ভাষায় এই তথ্য পাওয়ার এবং সহায়তা পাওয়ার অধিকার আপনার আছে। সদস্যদেরকে তাদের পরিচয়পত্রের পিছনে থাকা নম্বরে কল করতে হবে। অন্যেরা 855-258-6518 নম্বরে কল করে 0 টিপতে না বলা পর্যন্ত অপেক্ষা করতে পারেন। যখন কোনো এজেন্ট উত্তর দেবেন তখন আপনার নিজের ভাষার নাম বলুন এবং আপনাকে দোভাষীর সঙ্গে সংযুক্ত করা হবে।

اردو (Urdu) توجہ :یہ نوٹس آپ کے انشورینس کوریج سے متعلق معلومات پر مشتمل ہے۔ اس میں کلیدی تاریخیں ہو سکتی ہیں اور ممکن ہے کہ آپ کو مخصوص آخری تاریخوں تک کارروائی کرنے کی ضرورت پڑے۔ آپ کے پاس یہ معلومات حاصل کرنے اور بغیر خرچہ کیے اپنی زبان میں مدد حاصل کرنے کا حق ہے۔ ممبران کو اپنے شناختی کارڈ کی پشت پر موجود فون نمبر پر کال کرنی چاہیے۔ سبھی دیگر لوگ 855-258-6518پر کال کر سکتے ہیں اور 0 دبانے کو کہے جانے تک انتظار کریں۔ ایجنٹ کے جواب دینے پر اپنی مطلوبہ زبان بتائیں اور مترجم سے مربوط ہو جائیں گے۔

فارسی (Farsi) توجه: این اعلامیه حاوی اطلاعاتی درباره پوشش بیمه شما است. ممکن است حاوی تاریخ های مهمی باشد و لازم است تا تاریخ مقرر شده خاصی اقدام کنید. شما از این حق برخوردار هستید تا این اطلاعات و راهنمایی را به صورت رایگان به زبان خودتان دریافت کنید. اعضا باید با شماره درج شده در پشت کارت شناسایی‌شان تماس بگیرند. سایر افراد می توانند با شماره 855-258-6518تماس بگیرند و منتظر بمانند تا از آنها خواسته شود عدد 0 را فشار دهند. بعد از پاسخگویی توسط یکی از اپراتورها، زبان مورد نیاز را تنظیم کنید تا به مترجم مربوطه وصل شوید.

اللغة العربية (Arabic) تنبيه :يحتوي هذا الإخطار على معلومات بشأن تغطيتك التأمينية، وقد يحتوي على تواريخ مهمة، وقد تحتاج إلى اتخاذ إجراءات بحلول مواعيد نهائية محددة .يحق لك الحصول على هذه المساعدة والمعلومات بلغتك بدون تحمل أي تكلفة .ينبغي على الأعضاء الاتصال على رقم الهاتف المذكور في ظهر بطاقة تعريف الهوية الخاصة بهم .يمكن للآخرين الاتصال على الرقم 855-258-6518 والانتظار خلال المحادثة حتى يطلب منهم الضغط على رقم .0 عند إجابة أحد الوكلاء، اذكر اللغة التي تحتاج إلى التواصل بها وسيتم توصيلك بأحد المترجمين الفوريين.

中文繁体 (Traditional Chinese) 注意：本聲明包含關於您的保險給付相關資訊。本聲明可能包含重要日期及您在特定期限之前需要採取的行動。您有權利免費獲得這份資訊，以及透過您的母語提供的協助服務。會員請撥打印在身分識別卡背面的電話號碼。其他所有人士可撥打電話 855-258-6518，並等候直到對話提示按下按鍵 0。當接線生回答時，請說出您需要使用的語言，這樣您就能與口譯人員連線。

Igbo (Igbo) Nrụbama: Ọkwa a nwere ozi gbasara mkpuchi nchekwa onwe gị. Ọ nwere ike ịnwe ụbọchị ndị dị mkpa, ị nwere ike ịme ihe tupu ụfọdụ ụbọchị njedebe. Ị nwere ikike ịnweta ozi na enyemaka a n'asụsụ gị na akwụghị ụgwọ ọ bụla. Ndị otu kwesịrị ịkpọ akara ekwentị dị n'azụ nke kaadị njirimara ha. Ndị ọzọ niile nwere ike ịkpọ 855-258-6518 wee chere ụbụbọ ahụ ruo mgbe amanyere ịpị 0. Mgbe onye nnọchite anya zara, kwuo asụsụ ị chọrọ, a ga-ejikọ gị na onye ọkọwa okwu.

Deutsch (German) Achtung: Diese Mitteilung enthält Informationen über Ihren Versicherungsschutz. Sie kann wichtige Termine beinhalten, und Sie müssen gegebenenfalls innerhalb bestimmter Fristen reagieren. Sie haben das Recht, diese Informationen und weitere Unterstützung kostenlos in Ihrer Sprache zu erhalten. Als Mitglied verwenden Sie bitte die auf der Rückseite Ihrer Karte angegebene Telefonnummer. Alle anderen Personen rufen bitte die Nummer 855-258-6518 an und warten auf die Aufforderung, die Taste 0 zu drücken. Geben Sie dem Mitarbeiter die gewünschte Sprache an, damit er Sie mit einem Dolmetscher verbinden kann.

Français (French) Attention: cet avis contient des informations sur votre couverture d'assurance. Des dates importantes peuvent y figurer et il se peut que vous deviez entreprendre des démarches avant certaines échéances. Vous avez le droit d'obtenir gratuitement ces informations et de l'aide dans votre langue. Les membres doivent appeler le numéro de téléphone figurant à l'arrière de leur carte d'identification. Tous les autres peuvent appeler le 855-258-6518 et, après avoir écouté le message, appuyer sur le 0 lorsqu'ils seront invités à le faire. Lorsqu'un(e) employé(e) répondra, indiquez la langue que vous souhaitez et vous serez mis(e) en relation avec un interprète.

한국어(Korean) 주의: 이 통지서에는 보험 커버리지에 대한 정보가 포함되어 있습니다. 주요 날짜 및 조치를 취해야 하는 특정 기한이 포함될 수 있습니다. 귀하에게는 사용 언어로 해당 정보와 지원을 받을 권리가 있습니다. 회원이신 경우 ID 카드의 뒷면에 있는 전화번호로 연락해 주십시오. 회원이 아니신 경우 855-258-6518 번으로 전화하여 0을 누르라는 메시지가 들릴 때까지 기다리십시오. 연결된 상담원에게 필요한 언어를 말씀하시면 통역 서비스에 연결해 드립니다.

Diné Bizaad *(Navajo)* Ge': Díí bee ił hane'ígíí bii' dahólǫ bee éédahózin béeso ách'ą́ąh naanil ník'ist'i'ígíí bá. Bii' dahólǫ́ǫ doo íiyisíí yoolkáálígíí dóó t'áádoo le'é ádadoolyíįlígíí da yókeedgo t'áá doo bee e'e'aahí ájiil'íįh. Bee ná ahóót'i' díí bee ił hane' dóó niká'ádoowoł t'áá nínizaad bee t'áá jiik'é. Atah danilínígíí béésh bee hane'é bee wółta'ígíí nitł'izgo bee nee hódolzinígíí bikéédęę' bikáá' bich'į' hodoonihjį'. Aadóó náánáła' éí kojį' dahódoolnih 855-258-6518 dóó yii diiłts'įįł yałtí'ígíí t'áá níléíjį ádóó éí bikéé'dóó naasbąąs bił adidiilchił. Áká'ánidaalwó'ígíí neidiitą́ągo, saad bee yániłt'i'ígíí yii diikił dóó ata' halne'é lá níká'ádoolwoł.