

We hope you find the following information helpful. We are available 24/7 should you have any questions or need assistance with your outpatient behavioral health benefits.

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Get the facts

If you visit us at Live and Work Well, Idaho Behavioral Health Plan, you'll see under "Welcome Idaho Members!" a section titled, "The Basics." Click on "Get the Facts" and you'll see resources by topic for adults and children. For example, at Managing Stress, you'll see an overview of the topic, resources at the right, and subtopics such as:

- What happens when you are stressed?
- What can you do about stress?
- How do you measure your stress level? Interested in more? Just visit Optum Idaho. com then at left under External Optum Sites, click on Live & Work Well.

Family recovery and resiliency tools

There are many things you and your family can do to maintain wellbeing. You can explore tools and see what works best for you in your journey. Optum makes available a 12-page guide titled, Family Recovery and Resiliency Tools. These are ideas and resources you might be interested in trying. Interested in more? Just visit Optum Idaho. com then at left under External Optum Sites, click on Live & Work Well. Or to request that a copy of the guide be mailed to you as an Idaho Medicaid Member, feel free to call us at 1-855-202-0973 and we will mail that to you at no cost.





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Lasting changes

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Each year, many people set out to make healthy life changes. For example, some people may choose to eliminate a bad habit, or to take up a good habit or learn a new skill or hobby. The journey to lasting change begins with creating well thought out goals. Optum Idaho recommends that we consider goals that can be Supported, Healthy, Achievable, Paced and Exact (SHAPE).

- Supported You may need to seek support to meet your goals. For example, if you aim to quit smoking you may have tried going "cold turkey" and failed. Consider trying again with the help of your doctor or a program (supports).
- Healthy The state of our health is important to all of us. Improvements in your physical, emotional or mental health are an investment in you and can have a big return.
- Achievable Lasting change does not require a life transformation. Those changes do not have to be radical. Achievable and sustainable change often happens gradually.
- P Paced Consider whether you are trying to change too much all at once. Pace yourself. Try tackling one goal per season: one for spring, one for summer, one for fall, and one for winter. Portion them out in a way that will maintain positive momentum.
- Exact Set well defined goals. Make sure your goal states exactly what you are trying to achieve and how you plan to achieve it. For instance, if your goal is to lose weight this year, decide how you will do it and how much weight you plan to lose.

Talk with your doctor about the weight goal that is right for you. Also, consult with your doctor before significantly increasing your activity level. Ask about the amounts and types of activities that may be best for you.

If you are struggling to reach your goals, try partnering with someone in a buddy system to help keep you accountable if you are struggling and to celebrate with you when you succeed. An effective buddy system includes:

Sharing your goals, challenges and concerns openly with your buddy. Discuss how you would like to be supported and what types of support you may be able to offer.

Mapping out accountability check ins. Accountability may include doing the activity together and being available for support in challenging times.

Listening non-judgmentally when your buddy struggles. Admitting a setback is difficult enough without feeling that we are being judged. Your communication with your buddy can be open and encouraging.

Never let a setback become permanent. It is likely that you will have setbacks along the way, which makes it imperative to encourage each other to get back on track.

Celebrating little victories. Long-term goals are good but there are many milestones along the way. Whether it is workout clothes you like, a special activity or doing a happy dance, celebrate and take pride in each achievement along your journey.

If you have guestions, feel free to discuss this topic with your provider or call Optum Idaho at 1-855-202-0973, TDD/TYY 711.



Mental wellbeing

Mental health is more than the absence of mental illness. It includes having a positive mental and emotional attitude. Mental illnesses are real medical conditions, and they can be successfully treated. People can live life to the fullest in recovery, and resiliency allows us to maintain balance in the face of life's ups and downs.

We all worry and experience times when we struggle with our feelings. Many people wonder sometimes if they have mental problems and some are afraid to get help. We may feel sad or elated, anxious, depressed, overwhelmed, fearful, disoriented, or forgetful. Relationships may become difficult. If feelings or symptoms are affecting the quality of your life, consider getting help just as you would for any medical condition.

At Live And Work Well, we offer resources and links. You'll see topics including:

- Alzheimer's & dementia
- Anger
- Anxiety
- Autism
- Bipolar disorder
- Depression

- Eating disorders
- Grief & loss
- Obsessions & compulsions
- Phobias
- Post-traumatic stress disorder
- And more

Help yourself or a loved one: You can even discuss a topic together. Or, share what you learned with a friend.



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Fax: 855-351-5495

Email: Optum Civil Rights@Optum.com

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Online https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf

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

Phone: Toll-free **1-800-368-1019**, **800-537-7697** (TDD)

Mail: U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services. 200 Independence Avenue, SW Room 509F, HHH Building Washington, D.C. 20201

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