

Important Plan Information



YOUR MEMBER HANDBOOK HAS BEEN CHANGED TO INCLUDE MORE SERVICES

National Diabetes Prevention Program (NDPP) Services

If you are at risk for developing Type 2 diabetes, Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus covers services that may help.

Starting **February 1, 2020**, Empire will cover diabetes prevention services through the National Diabetes Prevention Program (NDPP). This benefit will cover 22 NDPP group training sessions over the course of 12 months.

The **National Diabetes Prevention Program** is an educational and support program designed to assist at-risk people from developing Type 2 diabetes. The program consists of group training sessions that focus on the long-term, positive effects of healthy eating and exercise. The goals for these lifestyle changes include modest weight loss and increased physical activity. NDPP sessions are taught using a trained lifestyle coach.

Eligibility

You may be eligible for diabetes prevention services if you have a recommendation by a physician or other licensed practitioner and are:

- At least 18 years old
- Not currently pregnant
- Overweight, and
- Have not been previously diagnosed with Type 1 or Type 2 Diabetes

And, you meet one of the following criteria:

- You have had a blood test result in the prediabetes range within the past year, **or**
- You have been previously diagnosed with gestational diabetes, **or**
- You score 5 or higher on the CDC/American Diabetes Association (ADA) Prediabetes Risk Test.

Talk to your doctor to see if you qualify to take part in the NDPP.

To learn more about these services, call Member Services at 1-800-300-8181 (TTY 711) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time.

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