## Weekly Wellness

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## **MCUL Trust Tips**

The past couple tips have discussed medical insurance jargon, which is important, but even more important is your health. This week, we discuss why it's critical to have a Primary Care Provider (PCP) and how they can help your health.

The statistics speak for themselves — primary care is essential: According to Eden Health, "adults in the U.S. who have a primary care provider have 19% lower odds of premature death than those who only see specialists for their care. Also, patients with a primary care provider save 33% on healthcare costs compared to those who only see specialists."

Google the question "why is a primary care provider important?" and you'll get the picture from many different sources. PCPs provide:

- 1. Continuity of care throughout your life;
- 2. Guidance on screenings and immunizations that are age and gender appropriate;
- 3. Help managing medication;
- 4. Help preventing and managing disease; and
- 5. Provide referrals to specialists when necessary.

Learn more <u>here</u>.

## HOW DO I FIND A NETWORK PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER?

- 1. Use your HealthJoy app. Under the chat option, tell "Joy" that you would like help finding a primary care provider. "Joy" will search for a Network PCP and can also set up an appointment for you.
- 2. Visit the <u>First Choice Health Network website</u> and conduct your own search. Click on the green "Find Care" button, indicate the location, and under specialty indicate primary care provider, then click "Search." Choose

"Employer/Group/Trust Name" under "Select Network," and enter Montana Credit Union League – 00530 or call them at 800-231-6935.

That's your MCUL Trust Tip for the week; Look for another great Trust Tip next week.

## **SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR BENEFITS**

- Ready to complete your biometric screening? <u>Learn more here</u>.
- Need to review your biometric screening with a professional? <u>Sign up here</u>.
- Want assistance navigating your care options and access to elite physicians for a remote second opinion? <u>Erin</u>, with <u>VezaHealth</u> can help.
- Are you managing a chronic disease? Take Control can assist.
- Having surgery and need to pre-certify? <u>Medical Rehabilitation Consultants</u> are available.

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