

Your path to well-being

Living well means so much more than having low blood pressure, a strict workout regimen or a low-carb diet. Well-being is made up of all the factors that allow you to be your best — and they're all connected. For example, think about the last time you felt stressed. How did it affect you physically or impact your relationships? It takes a total approach to health to achieve well-being.

The six dimensions1 to well-being

Try focusing on these areas to find your healthy place.

- Physical health Taking care of your body and being able to carry out the important tasks in life, now and into the future
- 2. **Emotional health** Being satisfied with life, having good mental health and being able to deal with difficult emotions
- 3. **Financial security** Feeling good about your current and future finances without worrying too much about making ends meet
- 4. **Social connectedness** Having close, meaningful and supportive relationships, and feeling like you're part of a community
- 5. **Character strengths** Feeling consistent thoughts and taking actions that contribute to the good of yourself and others
- 6. **Purpose** Having a sense of meaning in life and pursuing what's most important to you



Well-being in action

Whether you are healthy or have existing conditions, focusing on all areas of well-being can help you on your path to better health. Here are some actions you can take to get started.

Physical health



- Be active every day. Walk, bike, swim, dance or do what makes you happy — it all counts
- •Choose healthier food options like whole grains, fruits, vegetables and low-fat dairy products

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Social connectedness

- •Surround yourself with good friends
- •Join a club to meet other people who share your interests



Emotional health

- Practice deep breathing to help manage stress
- Try to focus on the positives in life



Character strengths

- Find ways to continue to grow your skills and knowledge
- Volunteer, mentor or get involved in your community



Financial security

- Plan for your future consider hiring a certified professional planner to help
- •Reduce debt and keep a monthly budget



Purpose

- Practice being thankful every day
- Determine what's important to you and pursue it whether in your personal life or your career

Get started on your health and well-being today. To learn more, register or log in at **Aetna.com** and look under "Stay Healthy."

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