August 2021 Edition
COVID-19 Update, AZ529 webinar with Kimberly Yee, HIP Bonus Points, Higher Ed Spotlight, Back to School Shopping Discounts and more.

COVID-19 Update

- **Testing:** Free rapid saliva testing is available on a walk-in basis at state-run sites in Flagstaff, Mesa, Scottsdale and Tucson. Please help prevent the spread of COVID-19 by getting tested if you have symptoms and isolating if you test positive.

- **Vaccines:** Free vaccines are widely available at doctor’s offices, pharmacies, and numerous other locations around the state. Arizonans age 12 and older are eligible to receive the vaccine. You can find a vaccine site at azheath.gov/findvaccine. You can also earn 2,500 HIP points, see below.

Saving for Future Education Webinar with State Treasurer Kimberly Yee

Learn how you can easily save for college, vocational school, or career training with the AZ529 Plan. Put money aside, not your child’s future education. The sooner you start an AZ529 Education Savings Plan, the more money you'll have when your little one graduates high school. When it’s their time to achieve their dreams, they can.

- Tues., Aug. 24, 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM Arizona Time
- [Class Flyer](#) | [Registration](#)
HIP Bonus Points are Here!
Earn up to 7,600 points with just two important preventive services that you’ve already completed or are going to complete this year! You’ll get a boost toward the 50,000 point goal, and be on track to earn the $200 annual incentive.

- **Annual Physical**: 100 regular points + 5,000 bonus points. These points are available now.
- **COVID-19 Vaccine**: 2,500 bonus points. These points are available in September.
- **Need more ways to get points?** Check out the Points Path Flyer.
- **New to the HIP wellbeing program?** Let Gov Ducey tell you more, or visit our HIP page. To enroll, visit join.virginpulse.com/hip.

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August Webinars
Our webinars give you tips you can use to improve your life every day. Earn **25 HIP points** for viewing a **live or recorded webinar** with the ability to earn up to 100 points per year. All webinars are closed captioned with a custom link for each event listed on wellness.az.gov/classes.

- **Planning for Health Care Costs in Retirement** | Thurs., Aug. 19, 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm Eastern Time | Class Flyer | Registration
- **Time Management Tools** | Tues., Aug. 24, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Arizona Time | Class Flyer | Registration

On-Demand Webinars
View and share these informative sessions with your family at any time.

- **Securian Life Insurance** - Get peace of mind with personal finance and retirement planning.
- **MetLife Short-Term Disability** - See real people talk about the benefits that helped them navigate challenging situations.
August is Back To School Month
Take advantage of this helpful wellbeing information from our medical carriers. Note: You are not required to be enrolled with a carrier to view their information.

BlueCross BlueShield of Arizona
- Healthy Start to the School Year
- Join the Fight Against the Flu
- Bev’s Chocolate Chip Cookies

UnitedHealthcare
- What’s a Vaccine?
- Preventing Colds and Flu video
- Understanding Vaccines video

Back to School Shopping with PerksConnect
Get the school supplies, clothes and electronics your student needs for back to school. Thousands of local and national retailers are ready for you! Visit azbenefits.perksconnect.com. Join now for free and be entered into the monthly Amazon gift card drawing for new members.

Higher Ed Spotlight: UA Global Campus
The State of Arizona and the University of Arizona Global Campus (UAGC), an accredited online university, has increased its benefit to all eligible employees to save on tuition and other educational costs. The UAGC Tuition Benefit provides employees and immediate family members a quality college degree at a reduced cost while working full-time.

The UA Global Campus Tuition Benefit includes:
- **30% Tuition Savings** - Take advantage of reduced tuition to earn your degree.
- **Technology Fee Waiver** - This per-course charge will be waived.
- **Required Online Course Materials Waiver** - Digital course materials.
- **Family Benefits** - Immediate family members of eligible employees can take advantage of the benefits offered.
To learn more about higher education discounts for state employees, visit benefitsoptions.az.gov/highered.

**Update Your Contact Information**
Please make sure your personal contact information is up-to-date to ensure you receive important benefits communications in a timely manner. Visit hrsystems.azdoa.gov > YES Portal > Your Employee Services > Personal Information > Contact Information.

**Questions?**
Please contact a Benefit Options representative by phone 602-542-5008, toll-free 1-800-304-3687, by email benefits@azdoa.gov or visit benefitoptions.az.gov. Our office is closed for walk-ins at this time, but we can help you virtually Monday-Friday, 8 am - 5 pm Arizona Time, except holidays.

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