



THE MESSENGER

Our goal is to build confidence in public education and increase support for the Manchester School District

Our strength is in standing together to work for positive change

What You Need To Know About Your Health Insurance: Be an Informed Consumer

COMPASS SMARTSHOPPER

www.compassmartshopper.com

1-800-824-9127 (non-emergency services, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am- 5:00 pm)

UPDATE: AS OF December 12th, lab services are now available to members to use with Compass. The lab services eligible are those that would be considered “standard” (CBC panel, etc). Call in to “shop” for your service site.

Physical therapy should be the next eligible service that is added to our eligible service list. Currently there are 35+ services eligible for us to “shop”.

Compass launched its first cost transparency tool, SmartShopper, in 2010 and has grown to include over 60,000 members and more than 25 clients in four states. Compass continues to promote cost transparency in healthcare and empowers members to make informed decisions without sacrificing quality of care. For more information on Compass and its programs, visit the company’s website.

Compass SmartShopper is a FREE, VOLUNTARY service that the school district offers to help us learn about different health care options at locations in your area.

When you use more cost-effective options for your medical procedures and tests, you can help lower claims costs. You are also rewarded for those savings with cash incentives.

Here is how it works:

- **Your doctor recommends a medical procedure or test.**
- **Call Compass SmartShopper and a Health Cost Advisor will give you information on cost-effective options in your area. Have your insurance ID card handy for verification.**
- **Call your doctor to schedule the service...where YOU choose.**
- **If you choose to use a cost-effective location, Compass SmartShopper will mail you’re your cash reward to your home within 45 days after your claim has been paid.**

**NH Food Bank Activities: Support Hunger Relief in New Hampshire
DECEMBER Canned Tomatoes**



December Events to be a Soldier Helper

***Gift Bags for Homeless Vets: the Liberty House here in Manchester is a homeless veteran’s shelter. Volunteers will be making up approximately 60 gift bags to hand out to homeless vets who live outside all year round. They need warm clothing, blankets, toiletries, snacks, and other items. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Contact WalkAMileInTheirBoots@yahoo.com for information on needed donations... this is a year-round need.**

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