



YOUR MEMBER HANDBOOK HAS BEEN CHANGED TO INCLUDE MORE SERVICES

Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP) for Arthritis

If you've been diagnosed with arthritis and are interested in learning more about self-management related to this disease, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield (Highmark BCBS) covers services that may help.

Starting **June 1, 2025**, Highmark BCBS will cover the **Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP)** for adults aged 18 years and older, which aims to increase confidence, physical and mental well-being, and knowledge to manage long term conditions.

This program may help prevent you from:

- going to the emergency room;
- being admitted into the hospital; and/or
- needing other medical care for your arthritis.

Each CDSMP series meets 2.5 hours once per week, for a total of six weeks.

Eligibility

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

- At least 18 years old; and
- Diagnosed with arthritis.

Talk to your provider to see if you qualify to take part in the CDSMP for arthritis.

To learn more about these services, call Member Services at **1-866-231-0847 (TTY 711)**.

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