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# Momentum

## Coping with seasonal changes

It's getting to be that time again—when daylight dwindles and temperatures tumble. The heaviness accompanying the transition to winter can challenge your body as you try to adjust to changes in light, temperature and weather.

However, there are steps you can take to minimize the gloom.

- **Go easy.** Acclimating to seasonal change takes about two weeks in people who are generally healthy.
- **Exercise regularly.** Regular workouts (even just walking) will help you stay strong and manage seasonal changes better.
- **Seek light.** Natural light improves your mood and is a natural source of vitamin D.
- **Drink water.** Staying well hydrated helps the body protect tissues and joints, keep the body's temperature normal and better weather seasonal changes.

*Additional sources: Healthwise, YogaBasics, VeryWellMind, NationalToday, 24/7 Wall St.*

Contact your program

# 24/7/365

for confidential, no-cost help for you and your household members.

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**Live Webinar**—Join our webinar on how to manage seasonal stress: *Thriving Through the Holidays*, on Wednesday, November 9. Register [here](#).

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Employee Assistance Program  
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## Discount Center

This season, save money on the products and services you use and value most. Your program includes access to LifeMart online shopping, offering savings (as much as 60%) on travel, entertainment, regional attractions, cars, and day-to-day essentials like groceries, food delivery and child care.

## Mind Your Mental Health

### November is National Family Caregivers Month

This is a time to recognize and celebrate those who lovingly give baths, clean houses, shop for and comfort loved ones who are elderly or ill. Providing care is a supremely challenging role, and caregivers deserve our support and praise. If you're a caregiver:

- **Acknowledge and be proud of how much you do.** There's no such thing as a perfect caregiver, so just do your best to get through each day.
- **Take breaks.** Arranging for respite care services (via skilled caregiving coverage in-home or at a center) will give you much-needed time off.
- **Maintain good diet, sleep and exercise habits.** Make sure to eat balanced meals. Try not to give in to stress eating. Also, get enough sleep; strive for 7–8 hours per night.
- **Talk with others about your challenges.** A caregiving support group is a great way to share information, support and encouragement.

Visit [MagellanHealthcare.com/about/bh-resources/mymh](https://MagellanHealthcare.com/about/bh-resources/mymh) or call your program for confidential mental health resources.

## Working on Wellbeing

### How to practice yoga

- Yoga is a diverse collection of techniques and practices aimed at integrating the mind, body and spirit. It involves movement and breathing exercises. Many people practice yoga to improve overall health including flexibility, stress relief and physical fitness.
- Learn about beginning yoga, its styles and poses (asanas) via YouTube videos, books, or online or in-person classes. Start with short, straightforward yoga sessions including basic beginner's stretching postures, then gradually add more challenging postures.

## Managing Work-Life Flow

### Positivity and resilience

Resilience is an inner strength that helps you bounce back from life's difficulties. An important part of resilience is maintaining a positive, hopeful outlook. This doesn't mean intentionally ignoring problems; it means recognizing that setbacks are *temporary* and that you have the ability to navigate through challenges. When facing a difficult time, list possible ways you could adapt to the situation. Positively shift your focus from the impact of problems to what you will do next.

## Money Matters

### November 2022 financial webinar

#### How to Navigate Your Finances While Caregiving

Tuesday, November 8. Register here: [9 am PT](#) | [12 pm PT](#)

While caregiving can be a labor of love, it also can be challenging and overwhelming. Consider different caregiving scenarios and their associated budgeting, healthcare and estate planning implications. Review ways to cover current caregiving expenses while still enabling the caregiver(s) to fund their long-term goals.