

#### Time sensitive information for:

- <Member Name> <Address>
- <City, State, Zip>



# Important information about taking multiple medications

# Dear [Member first name]:

At Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida, Inc., we want to help you avoid medication-related problems. A medication-related problem could be anything from an unwanted side effect to something that requires hospitalization. The risk of having a problem increases with the number of medications taken together and the number of different doctors prescribing medications for one person.

## Time to fill the medication bag?

One way to prevent medication-related problems is to routinely review your medications with your doctor. If it has been over 6 months since you've had your medications reviewed by your doctor, please consider making an appointment to do so. For your convenience, we've enclosed a plastic bag so you can put all of your medications, over-the-counter drugs, and any herbal or nutritional supplements into the bag and take it with you to your doctor's visit.

### Ongoing safety tip

Keep a detailed list of all your medications, over-the-counter drugs and herbal or nutritional supplements. We've included a Personal Medication Record so you can easily write down and organize these important details. Your medication record will become a handy reference to keep with you at all times. You'll find it's especially helpful during doctor and hospital visits.

### What this means to you

You can help prevent medication-related problems. To keep your doctor informed, we've sent a letter to let him or her know that you may be coming in for a visit to review your medications.

If you have any questions, please call the toll-free customer service number on the back of your member ID card or submit your question securely online. Just visit **www.bcbsfl.com** and log into My**Blue**Service<sup>SM</sup>.

Sincerely,

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