



PrimeWise

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Member Services: 1-866-431-0801

Now's the Time to Stock Up on Local Produce

Fall is a great time to stock up on things like potatoes, carrots, winter squash, pumpkins, onions, apples, and hardy greens like kale. Many of these can be stored for weeks or even months, so you can buy extra now and use them later!



Buying extra is even easier when you know where to find fresh, nearby options. Local vegetable stands often offer fresh, seasonal produce picked close to home. They are a convenient way to enjoy healthy foods while supporting your community.

And next year, if you are able to, think about sharing a garden. Sharing a garden with somebody is a great way to eat fresh and save money on groceries! You can split the cost of seeds and supplies, and both of you can enjoy fresh foods.

In addition, eligible PrimeWest Senior Health Complete members may be able to use their OTC Network card* to help pay for healthy food—up to \$187 per month!

Looking for ways to use your fresh vegetables? Try our Veggie Skillet Eggs recipe on page 3!

This is a special supplemental benefit. To get this benefit, you must have a chronic condition such as cardiovascular disorders; chronic and disabling mental health conditions; chronic conditions that impair vision, hearing (deafness), taste, touch, and smell; conditions with functional challenges; or chronic lung disorders. Other conditions may be eligible as well. Having the condition does not guarantee eligibility. Other requirements may apply. Contact Member Services to find out if you are eligible at **1-800-366-2906. TTY users call **1-800-627-3529** or **711**. The call is free.*



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Keep Your Brain Healthy

Taking care of your brain is an important part of healthy aging. Just like your body, your brain needs regular activity to stay strong. **Doing puzzles, playing card games, reading, learning a new skill, or trying a new hobby can help keep your mind active.** Staying connected with friends and family can also help support brain health.

Healthy habits can make a big difference. Try to get regular exercise, eat healthy foods, get enough sleep, and manage stress. These simple steps can help you stay sharp, improve memory, and support brain health as you age.

If you would like help or have questions about brain health, call Member Services at **1-866-431-0801** and ask for an LPN Community Health Specialist. TTY users call **1-800-627-3529** or **711**. The call is free.

PrimeWest Health also has a Caregiver Support Program to help members with dementia and their caregivers. To learn more, call Member Services at the number above and ask for the Population Health Coordinator.



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Dental Care Matters Even with Dentures

If you wear dentures, it's still important to take care of your mouth. Dentures don't stop problems like sore gums, infections, or oral cancer. Regular dental visits can help find these problems early. Your dentist can also make sure your dentures fit well and are comfortable.

Good daily care is important, too. Clean your dentures every day to remove food and germs. Be sure to clean your gums, tongue, and the roof of your mouth with a soft toothbrush. Keeping your mouth clean helps prevent bad breath, irritation, and infection. Regular dental care can help keep your mouth healthy and your dentures working their best.



Veggie Skillet Eggs

Need a fast and filling breakfast? This simple skillet dish combines vegetables, eggs, and cheddar cheese and is ready in just 10 minutes. It's an easy, tasty way to add more veggies to your breakfast.

Ingredients

- 6 large eggs
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano (or basil)
- 1/3 cup cheddar cheese (shredded)
- 2 teaspoons oil
- 1 small onion (chopped)
- 1 clove garlic (chopped)
- 2 cups mixed vegetables (fresh, canned, or frozen)
- 1 medium tomato (sliced)

Source: Adapted from the U.S. Department of Agriculture



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Steps

1. Beat eggs with pepper, oregano or basil, and cheese in a medium bowl.
2. Heat oil in a medium skillet. Add onion, garlic, and other vegetables and cook on medium heat (300 degrees F in an electric skillet) until soft.
3. Pour egg mixture over vegetables. With knife or spatula, lift outer edges of eggs so egg mixture flows to the bottom of the pan.
4. Cook until eggs are set, about 6 minutes. Top with tomato slices.
5. Cut into 8 wedges; serve hot.

Aging and Bone Health

As you age, it is important to keep your bones strong. Osteoporosis is a disease that makes bones weak and break more easily. It is often called a “silent” disease because many people do not know they have it until they break a bone.

The good news is there are ways to help protect your bones. Your doctor may suggest healthy lifestyle changes, over-the-counter options, or prescription medicine if needed.

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Don't wait until you break a bone! Ask your provider about your risk for osteoporosis at your next checkup.

Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases





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1-866-431-0801 (toll free); TTY 1-800-627-3529 or 711

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تنبيه: إذا كنت تتحدث العربية، فستكون خدمات المساعدة اللغوية متاحة لك مجاناً وبدون تأخير غير ضروري. بالإضافة إلى ذلك، تتوفر المساعدات والخدمات المساعدة المناسبة لتوفير المعلومات بتنسيقات يسهل الوصول إليها مجاناً وفي الوقت المناسب. يرجى الاتصال بالرقم أعلاه أو التحدث إلى مقدم الخدمة الخاص بك. Arabic

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注意：如果您講繁體中文，我們將免費為您提供語言協助服務，且不會造成不必要的延誤。此外，還免費及時提供適當的輔助工具和服務，以無障礙格式提供資訊。請撥打上述電話號碼或與您的提供者聯絡。Chinese

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Civil Rights Notice

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- race
- color
- national origin
- creed
- religion
- sexual orientation
- public assistance status
- age
- disability (including physical or mental impairment)
- sex (including sex stereotypes and gender identity)
- marital status
- political beliefs
- medical condition
- health status
- receipt of health care services
- claims experience
- medical history
- genetic information

You have the right to file a discrimination complaint if you believe you were treated in a discriminatory way by PrimeWest Health. You can file a complaint and ask for help filing a complaint in person or by mail, phone, fax, or email at:

Civil Rights Coordinator

PrimeWest Health

3905 Dakota St Alexandria, MN 56308

Toll Free: 1-866-431-0801; TTY: 1-800-627-3529 or 711; Fax: 1-320-762-8750

Email: compliance@primewest.org

Auxiliary Aids and Services: PrimeWest Health provides auxiliary aids and services, like qualified interpreters or information in accessible formats, free of charge and in a timely manner to ensure an equal opportunity to participate in our health care programs.

Contact PrimeWest Health at memberservices@primewest.org, or call Member Services at 1-866-431-0801 or TTY 1-800-627-3529 or 711. The call is free.

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Civil Rights Complaints

You have the right to file a discrimination complaint if you believe you were treated in a discriminatory way by PrimeWest Health. You may also contact any of the following agencies directly to file a discrimination complaint.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights (OCR)

You have the right to file a complaint with the OCR, a federal agency, if you believe you have been discriminated against because of any of the following:

- race
- color
- national origin
- age
- disability
- sex
- religion (in some cases)

Contact the **OCR** directly to file a complaint:

Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Midwest Region

233 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 240 Chicago, IL 60601

Customer Response Center: 800-368-1019, TTY: 800-537-7697

Email: ocrmail@hhs.gov

Minnesota Department of Human Rights (MDHR)

In Minnesota, you have the right to file a complaint with the MDHR if you have been discriminated against because of any of the following:

- race
- color
- national origin
- religion
- creed
- sex
- sexual orientation
- marital status
- public assistance status
- disability

Contact the **MDHR** directly to file a complaint:

Minnesota Department of Human Rights

540 Fairview Avenue North, Suite 201, St. Paul, MN 55104

651-539-1100 (voice), 800-657-3704 (toll-free), 711 or 800-627-3529 (MN Relay), 651-296-9042 (fax)

Info.MDHR@state.mn.us (email)

Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS)

You have the right to file a complaint with DHS if you believe you have been discriminated against in our health care programs because of any of the following:

- race
- color
- national origin
- religion (in some cases)
- age
- disability (including physical or mental impairment)
- sex (including sex stereotypes and gender identity)

Complaints must be in writing and filed within 180 days of the date you discovered the alleged discrimination. The complaint must contain your name and address and describe the discrimination you are complaining about. We will review it and notify you in writing about whether we have authority to investigate. If we do, we will investigate the complaint.

DHS will notify you in writing of the investigation's outcome. You have the right to appeal if you disagree with the decision. To appeal, you must send a written request to have DHS review the investigation outcome. Be brief and state why you disagree with the decision. Include additional information you think is important.

If you file a complaint in this way, the people who work for the agency named in the complaint cannot retaliate against you. This means they cannot punish you in any way for filing a complaint. Filing a complaint in this way does not stop you from seeking out other legal or administrative actions.

Contact **DHS** directly to file a discrimination complaint:

Civil Rights Coordinator

Minnesota Department of Human Services

Equal Opportunity and Access Division

P.O. Box 64997

St. Paul, MN 55164-0997

651-431-3040 (voice) or use your preferred relay service

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