

# Freedom

## Introducing the New PIBT Freedom Plans

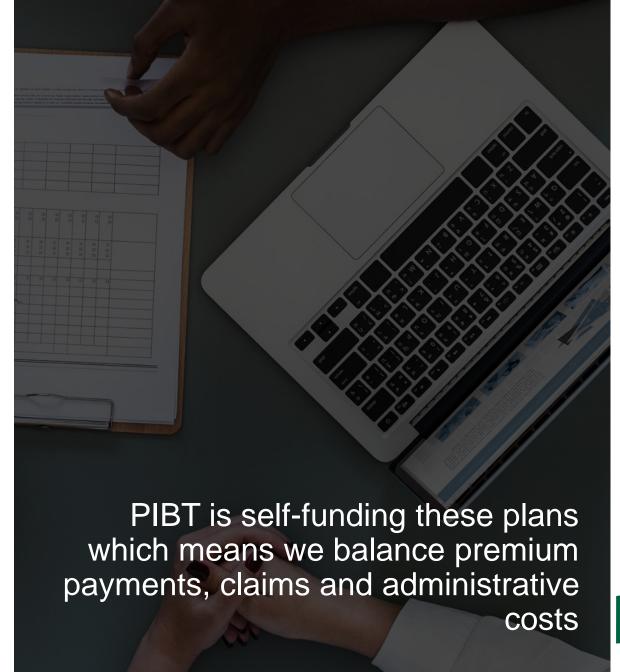
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## PIBT Freedom Plans

- Go to virtually any doctor or facility
- Benefits mirror PPO in-network
- Nurse Navigator personal health concierge service
- Lowers your out-of-pocket costs (e.g., co-pay and deductibles)
- Controls claims costs to control future rate increases
- Facility bills are reviewed to catch overcharging





## Why did PIBT make this change?



COST

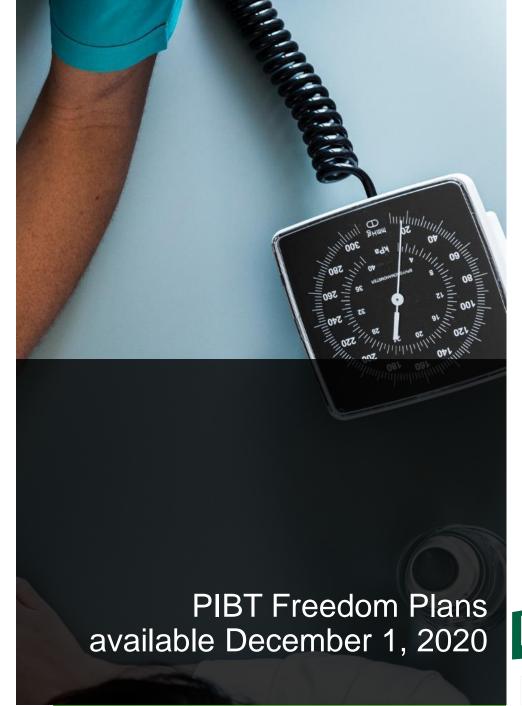
- Blue Shield rates
   were set to increase
   20% 25% \*
- \* Lowers out-of-pocket costs for members



FLEXIBILITY & SUPPORT

- Universal Provider Access
- Personal support via Nurse Navigator

The new Freedom Plans control costs with same or better benefits and work to control future rate increases.



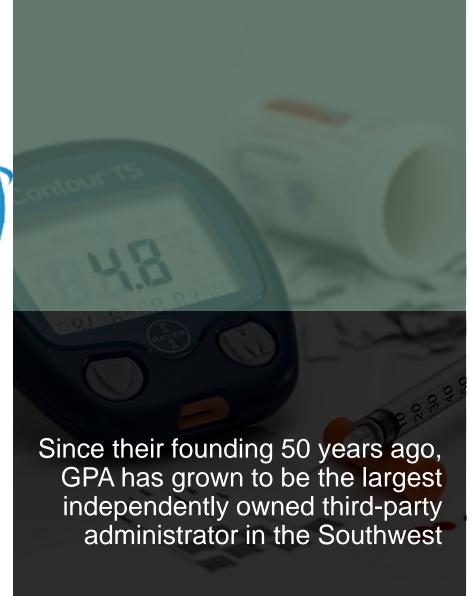


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### PIBT has hired GPA

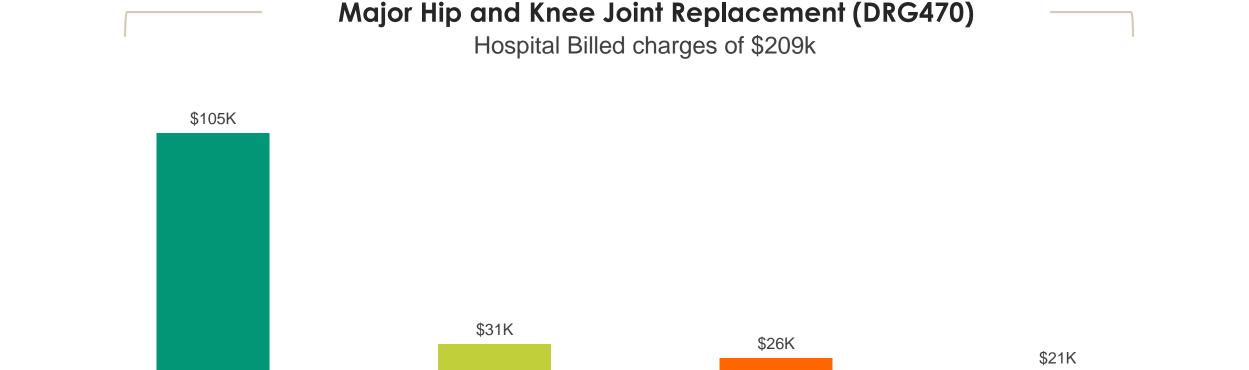
**GPA** is a national health plan administrator that will be administering claims for the new PIBT Freedom Plans

- Headquartered in Dallas, TX
- 400+ Employees
- 350,000 lives under management
- Provide bi-lingual support to:
  - Pay claims timely
  - Answer benefit and claim questions
  - Advocate for any issues that may arise
- Facilitate claim cost control





## Cost Savings Example



Medicare Pays

We Pay

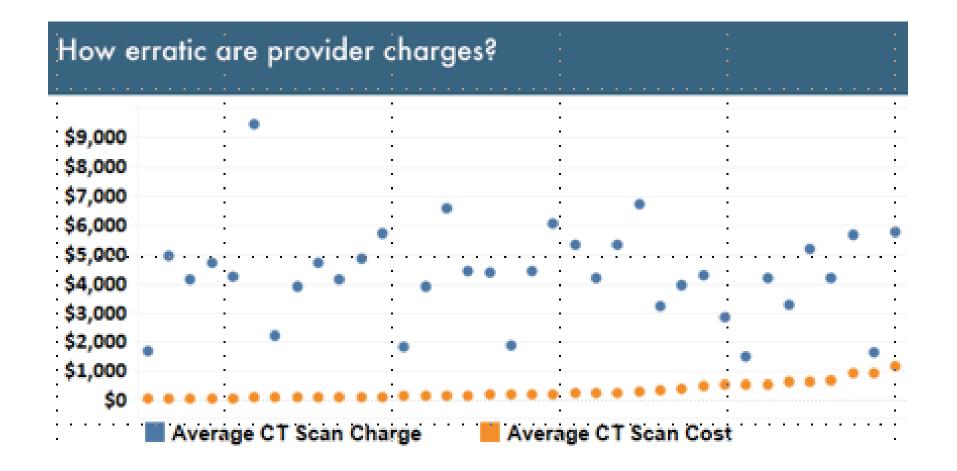
Source: American Hospital Directory

50% PPO Discount



Reported Cost

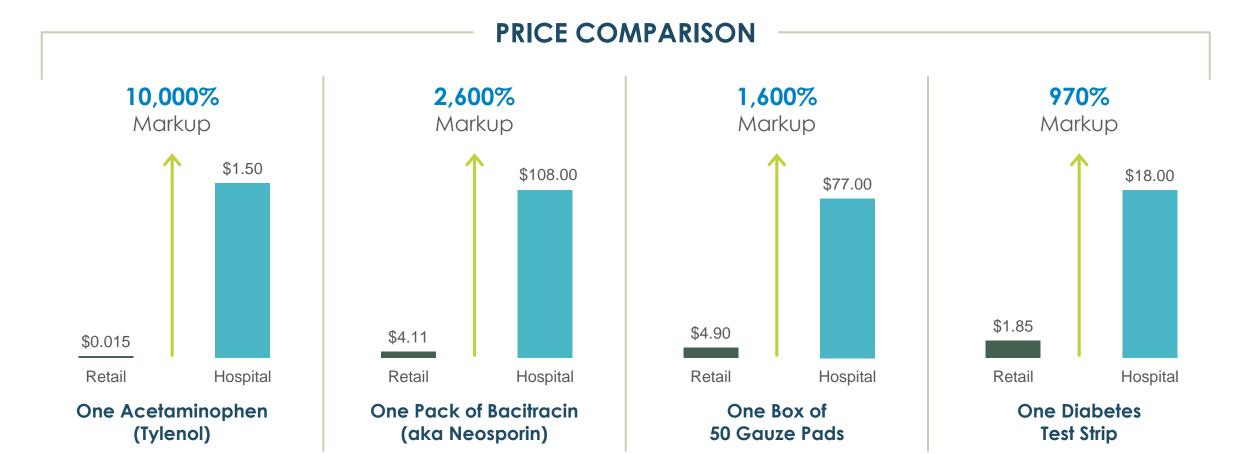
## CT Scan Charges Across Bay Area Facilities







### Example of Out of Control Markups

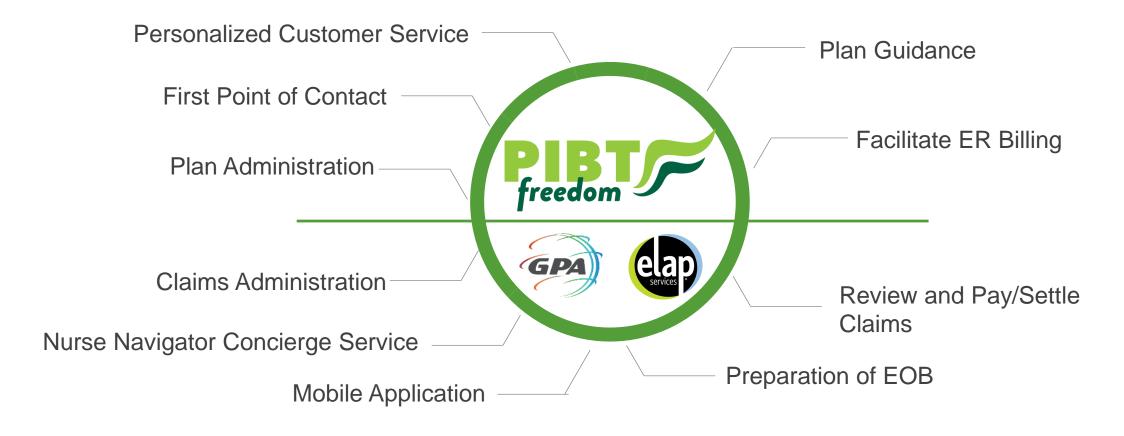






### PIBT Freedom Service Flow

Partnering with GPA and ELAP







## Nurse Navigator

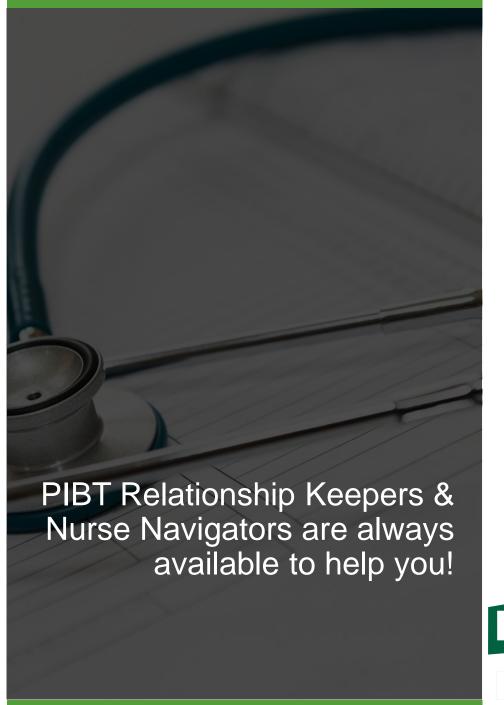
## Your Personal Healthcare Concierge that will:

- Assist with transition
- Locate provider options for medical services
- Schedule appointments
- Obtain medical records for appointments
- Provide guidance & education
- Assist with plan benefits and more!



## What Doctors & Facilities Can You Visit?

- Universal Provider Access Virtually all healthcare providers accept this plan
  - Plans offer the PHCS PPO Practitioner & Ancillary network for doctor visits
  - You are **not restricted** to this network
- If you are looking for a new doctor
  - Check the PHCS PPO network and select a doctor
- If your preferred doctor is out-of-network
  - Bring your ID card and the "Practitioner Guidance Flyer" with you
- There is no Facility network
  - You may go to virtually any facility you choose
  - They may need to contact GPA to confirm your coverage.



## PIBT Freedom Plan Pharmacy Benefits

## PIBT Freedom Plan prescription drug benefits are administered by Magellan Rx Management.

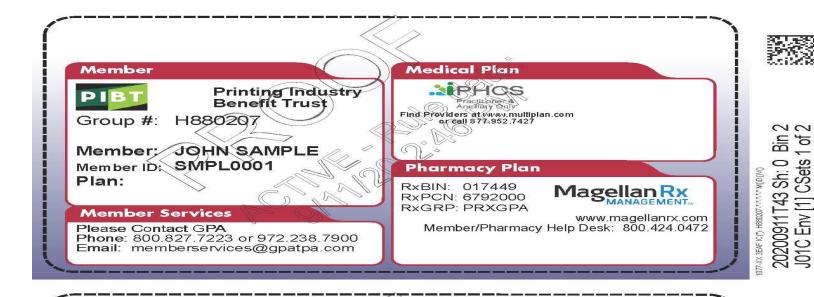
- For subscribers currently in the PIBT Blue Shield Plans, most will not have to go through pre-authorization or step-therapy again.
- Allows 90-day prescriptions for maintenance Medications to be filled at local pharmacies
- Simply present your medical ID card when picking up prescriptions.
- If you have questions about your prescription drug coverage, contact PIBT/GPA.



## Will New ID Cards Be Issued?

#### Yes!

ID card(s) will be mailed to employees' home. Prior to receiving the card or if card is misplaced, please contact your PIBT Relationship Keeper.







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## Accessing Care after December 1st

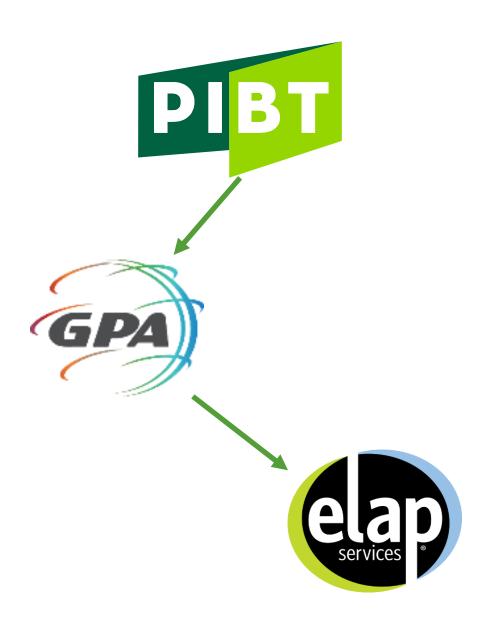


Question	Answer
What should I communicate to my doctor, and/or pharmacy?	Let the doctor's office know that your insurance has changed. Provide your new ID card and the Practitioner Guidance Flyer.
What if I haven't received my ID card by December 1st?	You can still visit the doctor/pharmacy and they will verify eligibility by calling GPA. You can also provide the temporary member ID letter, print out an ID card on <a href="www.gpatpa.com">www.gpatpa.com</a> or access a virtual ID card on the GPA Mobile app.
Do I need to request a new prescription if I have remaining refills?	Generally no. Give your pharmacy your new ID card.
How do I transfer my mail order prescriptions?	Call PIBT or visit the PIBT Portal after December 1st and we will walk you through your options including what forms you will need to fill out. You will need a new prescription from your doctor.
What if I have ongoing treatment, or have a procedure scheduled for December?	Call PIBT and ask for a Transition of Care form. Your Relationship Keeper will guide you on the next steps.

## Sample Scenarios Q&A



Scenario	Answer
I am currently in my 3 <sup>rd</sup> trimester of pregnancy. How will this affect me?	It should not. Contact PIBT Relationship Keeper. They will ask you to fill out a Transfer of Care form and will get you in touch with the Nurse Navigator.
I went to my doctor and they did not recognize the healthcare provider through my ID card. What should I do?	Provide your ID card and the Practitioner Guidance Flyer.
I went to my specialist and they do not deal with insurance and told me that I have to pay and file a claim on my own.	In this case, contact your PIBT Relationship Keeper who can help connect you with Nurse Navigator. Nurse Navigator will reach out to the physician's office to explain how the plan works and will facilitate the best possible solution.
I am currently in remission from cancer. What do I need to do to continue at my currently medical care facility?	Contact your PIBT Relationship Keeper who will assist with transition of care and get you in touch with Nurse Navigator
My son broke his arm. I am at ER. The hospital does not recognize my ID card.	Ask the hospital's intake person or whoever you are talking to, to call the GPA number on the back of the ID Card.



PIBT Freedom Plans Apply Cost Containment Practices to Control **Future Rate** Increases

#### PIBT has hired ELAP Services

ELAP Services works with health plans just like ours across the country to ensure we pay a fair price for healthcare.

#### **ELAP Expertise:**



Claim Review and Audit



Member Support and Advocacy

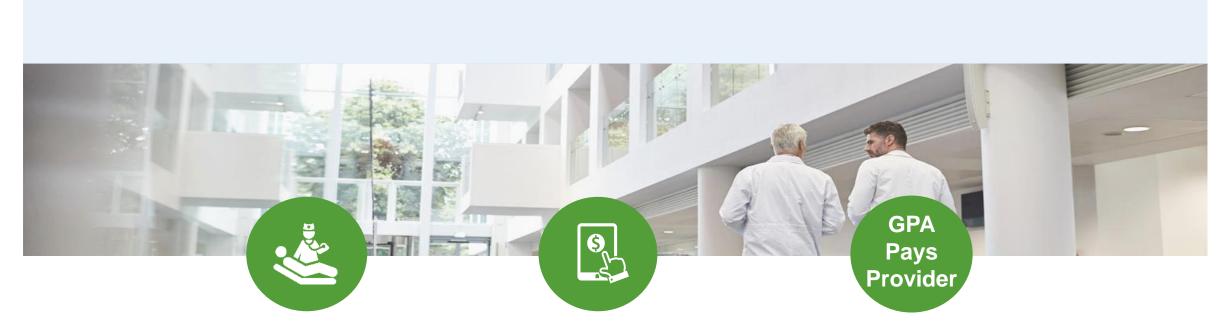


Expert Legal Services





### How it works



Member receives care.
Provider/Facility sends claim to GPA.

GPA sends ELAP large claims to review for errors & incorrect charges.

GPA sends adjusted payment to provider.



### What Happens Next?

After the provider receives an adjusted payment, they have two options:



Provider accepts payment 99% of the time



Provider does not accept payment and they appeal to PIBT or "Balance Bill" the member

#### What is a Balance Bill?

A facility may not accept PIBT's payment for services and they elect to send a bill to you for the remaining balance





### How to Identify a Balance Bill

## Make sure your EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS (EOB)...





#### ...Matches your BILL



From the Provider

A member's financial responsibility is ONLY the amount shown on the EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS





#### What the PIBT/ELAP team does!

#### When you send a balance bill to the team, they get to work.

- A dedicated Member Services Advocate from ELAP will contact you and serve as your main contact.
- An expert legal representative will work on your behalf to resolve the Balance Bill.
- Continue to send any balance bills or communications you receive regarding this amount to PIBT/ELAP who will advocate on your behalf until the bill is resolved.







## TelaDoc

## **Enhances your Primary Care Experience:**

- Anytime, anywhere non-emergent medical care
- Average response time is within 30 minutes –if you're not contacted in 3 hours, your consult is free
- Qualified HSA and FSA expense
- Phone only No internet access required
- 1-800-TELADOC





## GPA Portal & Mobile App

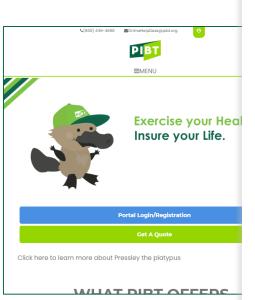
## Catalog of resources available via the GPA member portal and mobile app, including:

- Ability to access ID Card
- Ability to track message responses and check claims status
- Integrated messaging directly with ELAP
- Balance bill forms and reminders
- Helpful hints and support videos for balance bills





## Communications







#### LET US **HELP YOU**



Calls Answered by a Highly Qualified Nurse for Guidance and Education



**Obtain Medical Records** for Appointments for Providers Located by **Nurse Navigator** 





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NAVIGATOR TODAY!





#### HOW DOES ELAP PUT MONEY BACK IN YOUR POCKET?

Did you know inflated medical bills can cost you thousands of dollars each year? ELAP Services saves you money by working with your employer to rewrite your benefits plan and ensure hospital or Sched facility claims are based on the actual cost to deliver the service, not inflated billed charges.

**ELAP's Cost Savings Power in Action:** 

Your claims cost with

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Let's say you have an accident or come down with an illness that requires visiting a medical facility. With your previous PPO network your medical bill comes out to \$2,800 after the PPO discount. If your deductible is \$3,000 you're stuck with a hefty payment.

But, with ELAP that same service is examined by our team of experts and priced based on the actual cost of the service, which is \$600. In moments you've saved \$2,200.

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Your claims cost with ELAP

\$600

**PLEASE OPEN** 

IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL (NAME OF GROUP) PLAN MEMBERS



#### CONTACT ELAP SERVICES

Customer Service Phone: Toll Free 800.977.7381\* Fax: 1.888.560.2447

E-Mail: balancebills@elapservices.com Web: www.elapservices.com

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