

Do you know when Should you go to ER or an after hours clinic?



If your physician isn't available and whenever a sudden injury or sickness occurs, you need to think about the symptoms that are present in the person, in order to decide if you should go to the emergency room, or whether you can go to an after- hours medical clinic. The reason that this is important is because the price to receive services at an Emergency Room can be 2-3 times more than what it costs to go to an after- hours clinic. If you currently have BCBS health insurance, you can call BCBS Engagement Center and get advice from a nurse. 1-800-775-BLUE.

Symptoms that require Emergency Room usage are:

Difficulty Breathing, Choking, High Fever, Heavy bleeding, or

Severe Pain anywhere in body, Chest Pain, Severe Headache, or

Head injury with Fainting, Dizziness, or Losing consciousness, or

Throwing up w/loose stool that doesn't stop, or

Loss of speech, Sudden Confusion, or

Coughing or Throwing up blood, or

Heavy bleeding, Burns, Electric Shock, or

Poisoning, Inhalation of Fumes or Smoke, or

Suicidal Thoughts, or

Overdose of drug or alcohol

If you have any one or combination of the above symptoms, then you should go to the Emergency Room. You should go to an urgent care when your physician isn't available and as long as an injury isn't life threatening. Urgent care and after hours clinics can treat minor illness and minor injuries.***



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