# Nue Path To Wellness



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#### announcement



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#### Wellness Incentive payouts

#### **2025 INCENTIVES**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. 4/25/2025
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. 7/18/2025
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. 10/24/2025
- 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. 1/16/2026

Incentives paid to the HSA accounts are subject to the IRS maximums. It is your responsibility to ensure the combined amount you elect AND the amount you receive as an incentive do NOT surpass the HSA IRS limit. You may manage this by adjusting the amount of your biweekly HSA contribution. You may manage this by adjusting the amount of your biweekly HSA contribution in the benefits UKG system.

## **Benefits Corner**

## <sup>my</sup>**HEALTH** toolkit<sup>®</sup>

## Navigating Blue Cross Blue Shield MyHealthToolkitKC.com

MyHealthToolkit is a centralized platform to manage your health benefits efficiently.

You can access your insurance information, claims, and wellness resources.

Let MyHealthToolkit simplify your healthcare experience with easy-to-use tools.

### Unlock Your Health Benefits with MyHealthToolkitKC.com

- 1. Log In:
  - 1. Visit <u>MyHealthToolkitKC.com</u>.
  - 2. Enter your username and password or register if you're a first-time user.
- 2. Dashboard Overview:
  - 1. View your insurance coverage details and claims status.
  - 2. Access digital ID cards and find in-network providers.
- 3. Wellness Tools:
  - 1. Explore personalized health and wellness resources.
  - 2. Track your progress with fitness and health goals.
- 4. Support:
  - 1. Use the online chat or contact support for assistance.
  - 2. Access FAQs and tutorials for additional guidance.

Empower your healthcare journey with MyHealthToolkitKC.com. Navigate your benefits with ease and take charge of your wellness today!





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Gratitude Challenge

February 1 - 28, 2025

#### Join the Gratitude Challenge and get in the habit of journaling.

- · Create a goal to reflect on why or what you are grateful for.
- Check into that goal with a reflection note at least 3 x per week (minimum of 12 gratitude entries).
- Earn 250 Vitality Points for completing the Challenge.

Challenge Dates: February 1 – 28. Register anytime during the challenge period, log in to the Power of Vitality and click the Community > Challenges tab to join.

#### Did you know that the act of showing gratitude brings health benefits? Here are some you may experience:

Increased happiness and positive mood More satisfaction with life Less materialistic Less likely to experience burnout Better physical health Better sleep Less fatigue Lower levels of cellular inflammation Greater resiliency Encourages the development of patience, humility, and wisdom

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## **Monthly Wellness Focus:**

**Cancer Prevention Month** is observed in February in the United States. It is a https://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/adult-health/in-depth/cancerprevention/art-20044816

https://www.cancer.org/cancer/risk-prevention.html



American Heart Month is observed annually in February. In 2025, American Heart Month will take place from February 1 to February 28.

This month is dedicated to raising awareness about heart disease, the leading cause of death in the United States. It aims to educate the public about heart health, encourage healthy lifestyle choices, and support research into cardiovascular conditions.

More Information available: https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/heart-disease/in-depth/heart-healthydiet/art-20047702

https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/heart-health/heart-health-and-aging

#### Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD)

**Awareness** Month is celebrated in February. The American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) and Prevent Blindness both designate February as AMD Awareness Month.

During AMD Awareness Month, people can learn more about AMD, a serious eye disease that can lead to vision loss or blindness if left untreated. The AAO encourages people to take steps to reduce their risk of developing AMD, such as: Eating a vitamin-rich diet, Reducing alcohol consumption, and Staying active.

https://www.macular.org/amdawarenessmonth2024



### Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons Louisiana-style hot sauce, divided
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 pound lean ground turkey
- 4 whole wheat hamburger buns, split
- 1 cup shredded lettuce
- 2 celery ribs, chopped
- 2 tablespoons fat-free blue cheese salad dressing

## Directions

- In a large bowl, combine I tablespoon hot sauce with the cumin, chili powder, garlic, salt and pepper. Add turkey; mix lightly but thoroughly. Shape into four I/2-in.-thick patties.
- 2 In a large nonstick skillet, cook burgers over medium heat 4-6 minutes on each side or until a thermometer reads 165°.
- 3 Serve burgers on buns with lettuce, celery, salad dressing and remaining hot sauce.

## **Nutrition Facts**

1 burger: 312 calories, 12g fat (3g saturated fat), 90mg cholesterol, 734mg sodium, 28g carbohydrate (5g sugars, 5g fiber), 24g protein. **Diabetic Exchanges:** 3 lean meat, 2 starch, 1/2 fat.

## **Buffalo Turkey Burgers**

O Total Time Prep/Total Time: 25 Min.

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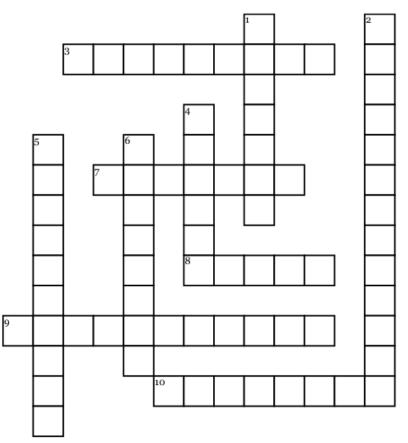
Let's Eat!

#### Test Kitchen Approved

Celery and blue cheese dressing help tame the hot sauce on this turkey burger recipe. For an even lighter version, pass on the buns and serve the burgers with lettuce leaves, sliced onion and chopped tomato. —Mary Pax-Shipley, Bend, Oregon

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## Heart Health Crossword Puzzle



#### Across

3. A common symptom of a heart attack along with shortness of breath, arm or jaw pain
7. Even if you have a family \_\_\_\_\_\_ of heart disease, you can take action to reduce your risks
8. Not only senior citizens, but even \_\_\_\_\_\_ people can have heart disease

**9.** Have this blood level checked at least once a year to help manage your risk of heart disease **10.** Moderate intensity \_\_\_\_\_\_ is beneficial to heart health

#### <u>Down</u>

 Heart \_\_\_\_\_\_ can cause shortness of breath and swelling of the feet and ankles
 High \_\_\_\_\_\_ is known as a "silent killer"
 Peripheral \_\_\_\_\_\_ Disease causes leg pain as a result of blocked blood vessels
 Abnormal or irregular heart beat
 a condition with high blood sugar that increases risk of heart disease

#### Word Bank

arrhythmia Chest Pain Diabetes Exercise History young

<b>Blood Pressure</b>	Cholesterol
Failure	Artery

