There's a lot competing for our attention throughout the day: family and work responsibilities, phone notifications, TV shows, never-ending to-do lists. It's easy to get so caught up in what you need to do, or what you should have done, that you lose sense of what you're doing right now.

60% of U.S. adults feel daily stress and worry.¹

**Mindfulness** is paying attention in the present moment, focusing on the here and now. Through mindfulness, you can:

- Bring awareness to your surroundings and how your body feels
- Observe thoughts without responding emotionally
- Appreciate each moment to find more fulfillment in life

Research shows that practicing mindfulness may help²:

- Reduce anxiety and depression
- Relieve stress and burnout
- Lower blood pressure
- Maintain heart health
- Improve attention and emotional control
- Strengthen immune response

**Try this mindfulness exercise.**

1. Find a comfortable position and **close your eyes**
2. **Breathe in through the nose** for 4 seconds
3. **Hold the breath** for 7 seconds
4. **Breathe out through the mouth** for 8 seconds
5. **Repeat** this cycle 3 times

Use this 4-7-8 breathing method when you're feeling stressed, going to sleep or simply want to take a pause.⁴

Researchers have studied brain activity among people who have learned to meditate.

**Functional MRI scans show that the effects of meditation carry over into everyday tasks, even when people aren't actively meditating.³**

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Practice mindfulness using these Cigna resources.

With your Cigna plan, you can access a number of mindfulness tools at no cost to you.

The Changing Lives by Integrating Mind and Body™ (CLIMB) program: At cigna.com/CLIMB, you can find free podcasts that help incorporate mindfulness into your daily life, including:

- Mindful Breathing
- Basic Guided Mindfulness Meditation
- Meditation and Body Scan
- Working with Difficulties and Cultivating the Positive
- Managing Stress
- Compassion and Self-Care

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Happify is an app that uses science-based activities and games to help reduce stress, increase mindfulness and improve emotional well-being.5

- Use Happify’s Mindfulness tracks to help develop your daily practice
- Learn evidence-based techniques developed by leading scientists and experts
- Access the app 24/7 using your phone, tablet or computer

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