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I want to start this article by saying all of the hard work and sacrifice that all drivers do for us on a daily basis merits year-round attention!

Operating such a large, complex vehicle is hardly an easy task. It takes serious time and effort to acquire the skills needed to handle a truck — and not everyone can do it. And that's just learning the basics — there's always more training to be had, from mastering the latest new technology to learning a new company's way of doing things. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to being the very best at what you do. Our office is frequently complimented on your driving skills, your concern for safety, your professionalism, your customer service and your willingness to make our customers happy.

It's a simple fact — truck drivers don't get to be at home as often as most other people. Whether they're leaving at the crack of dawn and getting home late, or staying on the road for weeks at a time, it's definitely not a 9-5 job. And that kind of schedule comes with some major sacrifices. Professional drivers know how to make every minute spent with family and friends count.

We also realize that without the hard work and dedication of professional truck drivers, our way of life would come to a grinding halt. From the food we eat and the clothes on our back to the tech we use in our homes, schools, and workplaces, it all has to be delivered via truck.

It's no secret that truck drivers are a breed apart — independent, tough, and capable. Without that legendary truck driver spirit, our nation, and our lives, would look very different. You make a difference in the world every day, just by virtue of being you. We at Guaranteed Transport Service sincerely would like to say Thank you for what you do everyday, all year long! When you get to the Winter Haven Terminal be sure and pick up your gifts.

THANK YOU for everything you do everyday!

*Thank
you*



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United Healthcare Medical Benefits 2019-2020

Open enrollment for Health Insurance ends on September 6th, 2019, get your completed application in by then to Amy Ashley by Email, text or fax.

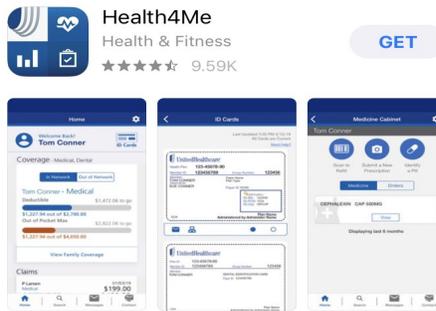
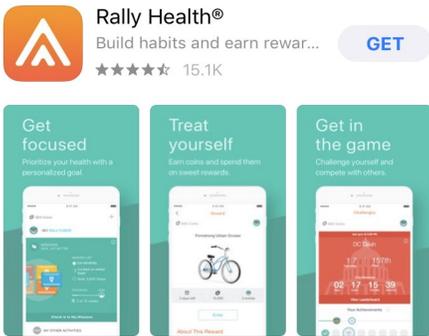
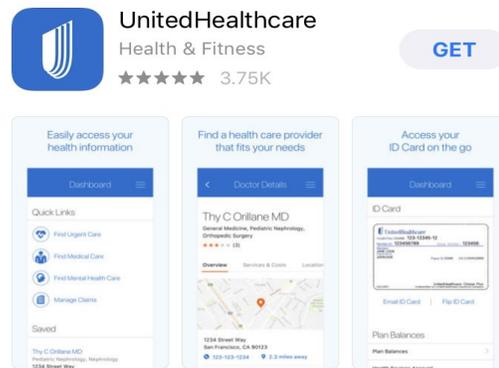
There are some changes this year and apps that you can download on your phone or tablet and utilize (see below). GTS has continued the coverage with United Healthcare, a couple of changes, you will now be using Virtual Visit instead of Teladoc and a Wellness physical is required to be done by August 1st 2020, in addition to answering a confidential health questionnaire.

The deductible stayed the same with the Health Reimbursement that you should sign up for and start using right away.

If you were not on one of the 4 Insurance calls that took place in August and you have any questions you can always call the Benefit Resource Center 855-874-6699 and they can answer all of your questions.

If you did not do a Wellness Physical last year be sure and do one this year, you can have the form Emailed, mailed or faxed to you to take to the Dr.—your DOT physical is NOT the same as a Wellness physical.. By doing your Wellness physical you will be able to save on your weekly Insurance cost.

When you are at the Terminal stop in and get a 2019-2020 Benefit Booklet.



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Fun Facts

- The naming of hurricanes and tropical storms officially began in 1953.
- A 2003 heatwave turned grapes to raisins before they were picked from the vine.
- The wind does not make a sound until it blows against something.
- Fire whirls are tornadoes made of fire caused by wildfires.
- Sandstorms can swallow up entire cities.
- Florida is hit by 40% of the hurricanes that affect the U.S. each year.
- For each minute of the day, 1 billion tons of rain falls on the Earth.
- Every second around 100 lightning bolts strike the Earth.
- A cubic mile of ordinary fog contains less than a gallon of water.
- Some frogs get noisier right before it rains.
- Lightning is five times hotter than the sun's surface.
- You can tell the temperature by counting a cricket's chirps.
- Snowflakes falling at 2-4 mph can take up to 1 hour to reach the ground.
- USA faces on average 1200 tornadoes per year.
- Worms wiggle up from underground when a flood is coming.
- Originally hurricanes were given female names, but beginning in 1979, they could have either male or female names.
- Scales on pinecones will close when rain is on the way.

Tanker Truck History

The first use of tankers in transporting bulk liquids dates back to the later years of the **19th century**. Before the advent of tankers, the idea of carrying bulk liquids in ships was considered a costly and even an infeasible affair. In that period, the market was also not ready for transporting or selling cargo in bulk. As a result, ships were used for transportation of a wide range of products in their holds. Liquids including wines and fresh water were usually loaded in casks.

Tank truck transportation of food grew in the 1920s at the expense of rail and as tank trucks proved more efficient and less labor-intensive than the 40-quart cans that were transported in railcars. Trucks like the Model AK six-cylinder with glass-lined tank operated by the Dairyman's League Cooperative Association of New York could safely haul milk from over 200 miles to New York City.

Milk haulers have become a highly specialized and integral link in the dairy industry, and the importance of their duties cannot be overstated. Today's haulers must have a technical understanding of the dairy industry rather than the physical strength needed to lift 10 gallon cans required in days past. A hauler is familiar with food safety regulations and sanitary standards.

While the tanker trucking industry is now decades old, it remains dynamic, with constant demand from consumers keeping trucking as vital to the economy as ever.



"You only pass through this life once, you don't come back for an encore.."

- Elvis Presley

"In the long run, the sharpest weapon of all is a kind and gentle spirit."

- Anne Frank

Preventing a Sideswipe Collision

Sideswipe collisions occur more frequently than any other type of crashes in both the inner and outer lanes. Sideswipe collisions occur more frequently in **outer lanes** than inner lanes. A blind spot is never a valid excuse for lane-encroachment collisions. Drivers must make extra allowances to protect themselves in areas of limited sight distances.

Sideswipes and cut-offs are preventable when the professional driver fails to yield to the passing vehicle by slowing down. If the professional fails to move to the right when possible, the collision is also preventable

Unsafe Driving Acts

The top 2 [ranked](#) Unsafe Driving Acts of drivers are:

- * Driving inattentively (e.g., reading, talking on the phone, etc.)
- * Merging improperly into traffic, causing a truck to maneuver or brake quickly

Truck drivers behaviors leading to crashes also include inattention, distraction, and failure to follow correct procedures. Sideswipe collisions usually occur while merging or passing.

Sideswipe Countermeasures

Accident countermeasures are examples of Defensive Driving strategies designed to reduce preventable accidents. The objective of countermeasures is to reduce motor carrier fleet accident rates by establishing a company standard for safe driving.

A sideswipe collision is considered preventable if the:

- * Driver was not entirely in their proper lane of travel
- * Driver did not pull to right and slow down or stop for vehicle encroaching on their lane of travel when such action could have been taken without additional danger
- * Driver was passing slower traffic near an intersection and had to make sudden stop
- * Driver made a sudden stop to park, load or unload
- * Driver rolled back into vehicle behind them while starting on a grade
 - Vehicle was improperly parked.

Additionally, drivers should . . .

- * Avoid changing lanes unless really necessary.
- * Signal lane change intentions well ahead of time.
- * Take time to look carefully before changing lanes.
 - Slow down and always maintain a generous following distance and space cushion based on traffic conditions and the vehicle's size, weight, and stopping distance.

While most of this appears to be common sense, the number one safety tool is awareness, at all levels of operations. Once made aware, drivers can change or modify their driving behaviors and choices.



Did You Know?

According to Bureau of Labor Statistics, in 2018 there were about 129 million full-time jobs in America. That same year, approximately 7.4 million people were employed by the trucking industry. That means about 5.8% of all American full-time workers had a job thanks to trucking.

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