



# HealthTALK

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## Did you know?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 1 million people in the United States had HIV at the end of 2016. Of those people, about 14 percent did not know they had it.



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## A healthy start.

### Schedule your 2020 annual well visit.

Checkups aren't just for kids. Get off to a good start this year by scheduling an appointment with your primary care provider (PCP).



All the members of your family should see their PCP once a year for a well visit. You will get any tests or shots that are needed. Your PCP can look for problems that often don't have symptoms.

Your PCP is your partner in health. An annual well visit gives you the chance to talk to them about what's important to you. Tell them about any health concerns you have. Ask questions. Together, you can make a plan and take charge of your health.



**Need a new PCP?** We can help you find a provider who is a good fit for you. Visit [myuhc.com/CommunityPlan](https://myuhc.com/CommunityPlan) or call Member Services toll-free at **1-800-903-5253, TTY 711**.

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## Heart smart.

Coronary artery disease (CAD) is the most common form of heart disease in the United States. It is caused by a buildup in the arteries. It can cause many other heart problems, including heart attack.

What can you do to prevent CAD? A healthy lifestyle can help manage heart diseases like CAD. This can include:

- Healthy eating. Your diet should include foods such as fruits and vegetables, whole grains and foods that are low in sodium.
- Daily exercise.
- Medication (if recommended by your provider).
- Quitting smoking.

Symptoms of CAD include chest pain, abnormal heart rhythms or heart failure. Talk to your provider if you have any of these conditions.

# Beyond the winter blues.

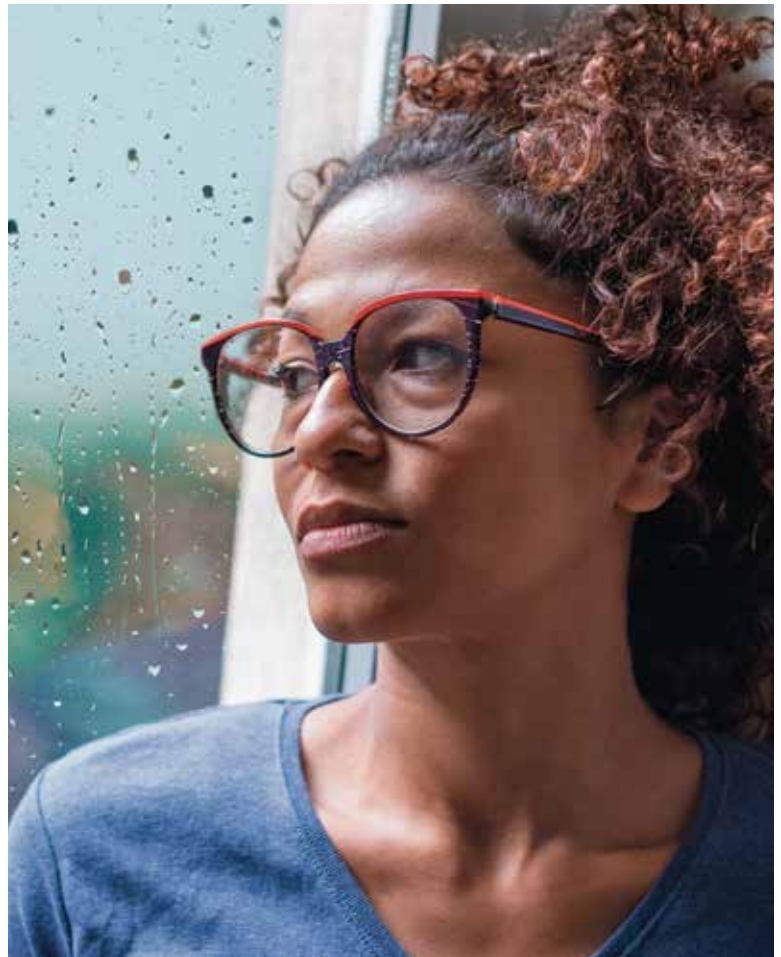
## Self-care for Seasonal Affective Disorder.

Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) is a form of depression. People get SAD mostly during the cold, dark winter months. Symptoms include sadness as well as irritability, oversleeping and weight gain. If you think you have SAD, try these self-care tips:

- **Use a light box.** Light boxes mimic the sun. Ask your provider if this might be right for you.
- **Exercise.** Physical activity has been known to improve mood and relieve stress. Even moving your body in short bursts throughout the day can be helpful.
- **Spend time outdoors.** Outdoor light can help you feel better, even on cloudy days. Take a walk outside. When indoors, sit close to windows if possible.
- **Take vitamins.** SAD has been linked to vitamin D deficiency. Talk to your doctor about vitamin D or other supplements.



**Are you SAD?** If your symptoms don't improve with self-care, talk to your provider. You may benefit from talk therapy or antidepressants. For information on using your behavioral health care benefits, call Member Services toll-free at **1-800-903-5253, TTY 711**. Or visit **LiveandWorkWell.com**.



## Abuse can happen to anyone.

Domestic abuse affects millions of women, men and children each year. It occurs when one person in a relationship tries to control another. It can happen to anyone. It doesn't matter if you are young or old, male or female, gay or straight, rich or poor, black or white.

Abusers may physically hurt their victims. But abuse isn't always physical. They can also do other things to make you afraid. They may keep you from seeing friends or family, or not let you have enough money. You may be a victim of domestic abuse if your partner or caregiver:

- Hurts you with words or physical force.
- Uses sex to hurt you.
- Uses money to control you.



**Get help.** If you are being abused, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at **1-800-799-SAFE (7233)**, TTY **1-800-787-3224**. Help is free and confidential. If you are in immediate danger, call **911**. You can also learn more about domestic violence at **thehotline.org**.

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## The vape debate.

Most teens and adults know that smoking and other tobacco use is dangerous. But what about vaping? Vaping tools use electricity to turn flavored liquid into vapor. These include vape pens, electronic cigarettes and hookah pens.

Vaping may seem fun and harmless. But many health professionals agree that vaping can be harmful to the body.

The best way to quit smoking or stop using vaping tools is never to start. If you smoke and want to quit, vaping is not a good option. There's no proof that vaping is safe or successful at helping smokers quit. Talk to your primary care provider (PCP) about proven methods to stop smoking.



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### Quitting time?

You can quit smoking and vaping for good with the right help. Get telephone support and information by calling the Michigan Tobacco Quitline at **1-800-784-8669**, TTY **711**. Or get free help online at **michigan.quitlogix.org/en-US/**.



## Before baby.

Are you thinking about becoming pregnant? To have a healthy pregnancy and baby, it's important to take care of your health before you get pregnant. Planning for a baby is the perfect time to:

- Quit smoking or taking recreational drugs.
- Cut down on alcohol and caffeine.
- Get chronic health conditions under control.
- Eat healthier foods.
- Exercise more.
- Start taking a prenatal vitamin containing folic acid, calcium and iron.
- Find out if genetic testing is right for you.

Once you are pregnant, it's important to have regular checkups with your doctor. You should have your first visit before your 12th week of pregnancy.

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# A fit family.

## Indoor and outdoor exercises for the winter months.

Show your kids the importance of exercise by making time for family fitness. You can make exercise fun this winter with a mix of indoor and outdoor activities. Exercising together is a great way to keep your family healthy, and to spend quality time together.

Studies show that children with active parents are 6 times more likely to maintain an active lifestyle than children who don't.

Some ideas for indoor exercise activities this winter are:

- Simple exercises such as jumping jacks, sit-ups or pull-ups.
- Online exercise videos.
- Dancing.
- Lifting weights (you can use common items like canned goods, cartons of water or bags of potatoes if you don't have dumbbells).

Just because it's cold outside doesn't mean you can't spend time outdoors and get some exercise. But it's important to dress for the weather. This means dressing in layers, and wearing a hat, gloves or mittens, warm socks, boots and a winter jacket.

Some outdoor exercise activities are:

- Sledding.
- Ice skating.
- Walking.
- Shoveling snow.

Making time for exercise all year long is important for maintaining good health. Try to aim for at least 30 minutes of moderate exercise every day or most days of the week. Your 30 minutes doesn't need to be all at once. Even 10 minutes of exercise 3 times a day will make a difference.



## Resource corner.

**Member Services:** Find a doctor, ask benefit questions or voice a complaint, in any language (toll-free).  
**1-800-903-5253, TTY 711**

**Our website:** Find a provider, read your Member Handbook or see your ID card, wherever you are.  
**myuhc.com/CommunityPlan**

**Michigan Tobacco Quitline:** Get free help quitting smoking (toll-free).  
**1-800-784-8669, TTY 711**  
**michigan.quitlogix.org/en-US/**

**National Domestic Violence Hotline:** Get support, resources and advice 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (toll-free).  
**1-800-799-SAFE, TTY 1-800-787-3224**  
**thehotline.org**

**Healthy First Steps®:** Get support throughout your pregnancy (toll-free).  
**1-800-599-5985, TTY 711**

**KidsHealth®:** Get reliable information on health topics for and about kids.  
**KidsHealth.org**

**Want to receive information electronically?**  
Call Member Services and give us your email address (toll-free).  
**1-800-903-5253, TTY 711**

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If you think you were treated unfairly because of your sex, age, race, color, disability or national origin, you can send a complaint to: Civil Rights Coordinator

UnitedHealthcare Civil Rights Grievance

P.O. Box 30608

Salt Lake City, UTAH 84130

**UHC\_Civil\_Rights@uhc.com**

You must send the complaint within 60 days of when you found out about it. A decision will be sent to you within 30 days. If you disagree with the decision, you have 15 days to ask us to look at it again.

If you need help with your complaint, please call the toll-free member phone number listed on your health plan member ID card, TTY 711, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

You can also file a complaint with the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services.

**Online:**

<https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>

Complaint forms are available at

<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>

**Phone:**

Toll-free **1-800-368-1019, 1-800-537-7697** (TDD)

**Mail:**

U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services

200 Independence Avenue SW

Room 509F, HHH Building

Washington, D.C. 20201

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We provide free services to help you communicate with us. Such as, letters in other languages or large print. Or, you can ask for an interpreter. To ask for help, please call the toll-free member phone number listed on your health plan member ID card, TTY 711, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

ATTENTION: If you speak English, language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you.  
Call **1-800-903-5253, TTY 711.**

ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística.  
Llame al **1-800-903-5253, TTY 711.**

تنبیه: إذا كنت تتحدث العربية، تتوفر لك خدمات المساعدة اللغوية مجاناً. اتصل على الرقم **1-800-903-5253**، الهاتف النصي **711**.

注意: 如果您說中文，您可獲得免費語言協助服務。請致電**1-800-903-5253**或聽障專線 (TTY) **711**。

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LƯU Ý: Nếu quý vị nói Tiếng Việt, chúng tôi có các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí cho quý vị. Vui lòng gọi số **1-800-903-5253, TTY 711.**

VËMENDJE: Nëse fllisni shqip, keni në dispozicion shërbime asistence gjuhësore pa pagesë. Telefono **1-800-903-5253, TTY 711.**

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HINWEIS: Wenn Sie Deutsch sprechen, stehen Ihnen kostenlose Sprachendienste zur Verfügung. Wählen Sie **1-800-903-5253, TTY-Gerät 711.**

ATTENZIONE: se parla italiano, Le vengono messi gratuitamente a disposizione servizi di assistenza linguistica.  
Chiami il numero **1-800-903-5253, TTY 711.**

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Звоните по тел. **1-800-903-5253, TTY 711.**

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