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What do you think?

In a few weeks, you may get a survey in the mail. It asks how happy you are with UnitedHealthcare Community Plan. If you get a survey, please fill it out and mail it back. Your answers will be private. Your opinion helps us make the health plan better.

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 or call Member Services toll-free at **1-877-743-8731, 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 **1-877-743-8731, 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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Rest easy.

Treating cold and flu symptoms.

Flu and cold season is in full swing. These illnesses often come on suddenly in the cooler months.

The flu can cause a cough, a sore throat and a stuffy nose. You might also have a fever and feel achy and tired. Some people get a headache or an upset stomach.

There is no cure for the flu. But self-care can help you feel a little better until it passes. Here are a few things you can do to help your recovery: Take a fever reducer/pain reliever. Get plenty of rest. Drink lots of water. Stay home from work or school to keep from giving the illness to others.



Know your provider. See your primary care provider (PCP) for a checkup before you get sick. Need to find a new PCP? Visit **myuhc.com/CommunityPlan** or call Member Services toll-free at **1-877-743-8731, TTY 711**.



Pregnant?

If you are pregnant, be sure to start pregnancy care early. Go to all of your doctor visits. Unless there is a medical reason, your pregnancy should continue for at least 39 weeks. Babies born early are at risk for health problems. These include breathing, temperature, feeding, or other problems.

After you give birth, be sure to go to your postpartum visit. It is just as important as your pregnancy visits. Your doctor will want to see you by six weeks to check for healing, depression, family planning, and breast-feeding.



Be prepared.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan has a program that can help you. It's called Healthy First Steps. Call **1-800-599-5985, TTY 711**, to see how you can join.

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Resource corner.

Member Services: Find a doctor, ask benefit questions or voice a complaint, in any language (toll-free).
1-877-743-8731, TTY 711

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

NurseLine: Get health advice from a nurse 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (toll-free).
1-877-370-4009, TTY 711

QuitLine: Get free help quitting smoking (toll-free).
quitnow.net
1-800-227-2345, TTY 711

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

Medicaid Program Integrity: Report suspected fraud and abuse by providers or members to the state.
1-800-880-5920, TTY 711 (toll-free)
601-576-4162 (local)

Want to receive information electronically? Call Member Services and give us your email address (toll-free).
1-877-743-8731, TTY 711

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.

Some ideas for indoor exercise activities this winter are:

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

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.



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UnitedHealthcare Community Plan does not treat members differently because of sex, age, race, color, disability or national origin.

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 submit the complaint in writing within 30 days of when you found out about it. If your complaint cannot be resolved in 1 day it will be treated as a grievance. We will send you an acknowledgement of the grievance within 5 days of receipt of the grievance. A decision will be sent to you within 30 days.

If you need help with your complaint, please call the toll-free member phone number at **1-877-743-8731, TTY 711**, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CT (and 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. CT on Wednesday). We are also available 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CT the first Saturday and Sunday of each month.

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

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 at **1-877-743-8731, TTY 711**, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CT (and 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. CT on Wednesday). We are also available 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CT the first Saturday and Sunday of each month.

English

ATTENTION: If you do not speak English, language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. Call **1-877-743-8731, TTY 711**.

Spanish

ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al **1-877-743-8731, TTY 711**.

Vietnamese

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 **1-877-743-8731, TTY 711**.

Traditional Chinese

注意：如果您說中文，您可獲得免費語言協助服務。請致電 **1-877-743-8731**，或聽障專線 **TTY 711**。

French

ATTENTION : Si vous parlez français, vous pouvez obtenir une assistance linguistique gratuite. Appelez le **1-877-743-8731, TTY 711**.

Arabic

تنبيه: إذا كنت تتحدث العربية، تتوفر لك خدمات المساعدة اللغوية مجاناً. اتصل على الرقم **1-877-743-8731**، الهاتف النصي **.711**

Choctaw

Pisa: Chahta anumpa ish anumpuli hokma, anumpa tohsholi yvt peh pilla ho chi apela hinla. I paya **1-877-743-8731, TTY 711**.

Tagalog

ATENSYON: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, may magagamit kang mga serbisyo ng pantulong sa wika, nang walang bayad. Tumawag sa **1-877-743-8731, TTY 711**.

German

HINWEIS: Wenn Sie Deutsch sprechen, stehen Ihnen kostenlose Sprachendienste zur Verfügung. Wählen Sie: **1-877-743-8731, TTY 711**.

Korean

참고: 한국어를 하시는 경우, 통역 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. **1-877-743-8731, TTY 711** 로 전화하십시오.

Gujarati

ધ્યાન આપો: જો તમે ગુજરાતી બોલતા હો, તો તમારા માટે વિના મૂલ્યે ભાષાકીય સહાયતા સેવાઓ ઉપલબ્ધ છે. કોલ કરો **1-877-743-8731, TTY 711**.

Japanese

ご注意:日本語をお話しになる場合は、言語支援サービスを無料でご利用いただけます。電話番号**1-877-743-8731**、または**TTY 711**。

Russian

ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите по-русски, вы можете воспользоваться бесплатными услугами переводчика. Звоните по тел **1-877-743-8731, TTY 711**.

Panjabi

ਸਾਵਧਾਨ: ਜੇਕਰ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਬੋਲਦੇ ਹੋ, ਤਾਂ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਲਈ, ਮੁਫਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਸੇਵਾਵਾਂ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਹਨ। ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਹੈਲਥ ਪਲਾਨ ਟੀਮ ਨੂੰ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰੋ। **1-877-743-8731, TTY 711** ਤੇ ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ।

Italian

ATTENZIONE: se parla italiano, Le vengono messi gratuitamente a disposizione servizi di assistenza linguistica. Chiami il numero **1-877-743-8731, TTY 711**.

Hindi

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