



HealthTalk

Your journey to better health



When your child is sick or hurt, do you know where to seek treatment?

See page 3 to learn the best place to get the care they need.



Wellness visit

Healthy start

Schedule a wellness visit for your child

Start the year off right by scheduling an annual wellness visit with your child's primary care provider (PCP).

These visits are a covered benefit under your child's health plan. They make sure your child is growing strong and healthy. During each visit, your child's PCP will:

- Check their height, weight and body mass index (BMI)
- Give your child any vaccines and screenings they may need
- Talk about important health and safety topics for your child's age



Is your child feeling down this winter?

Simple ways to help with seasonal depression

Sometimes kids and teens feel sad or tired when the seasons change – especially in winter. This is called **seasonal depression** or the **winter blues**. You might notice your child:

- Sleeping more than usual
- Eating more or gaining weight
- Feeling grumpy, quiet or low-energy
- Not wanting to do things they usually enjoy

Here are some easy ways to support your child:

Help them move

Exercise can boost mood and help them feel better. Encourage your child to walk, dance, play outside or join a sport.

Get them outside

Sunlight and fresh air are great for mental health. Even a short walk or time playing outdoors can make a difference.

Stick to a sleep schedule

Try to keep regular bedtimes and wake-up times. Good sleep helps kids feel more balanced and less moody.

Ask about vitamins

Low vitamin D can affect mood. Talk to your child's doctor to see if a vitamin might help.

Talk and listen

Let your child know it's okay to feel sad sometimes. Listen without judgment and remind them they're not alone.

If the sadness lasts, reach out to a doctor or counselor.



If your child is experiencing a mental health emergency, **call or text the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline** for support from a trained crisis counselor, 24/7.

Your member handbook is updated annually. Find it on **myuhc.com/communityplan**.

It includes our Notice of Privacy Practices and Notice of Non-Discrimination. They may also be found online at **uhc.com/privacy** and **uhc.com/legal**.



Know where to go for care

A guide to your options

When your child feels unwell, it can be confusing to know where to go for care. If possible, you should start with their primary care provider (PCP). It is also important to know your other options if your PCP is not available.

Use this guide to help find the right care as quickly as possible.

Situation	Care option
Have a non-emergency health issue or need preventive care?	Primary care provider (PCP) See your doctor. They know your health history and can refer you to a specialist, if needed.
Have a non-emergency health issue and your PCP isn't available?	Convenience care clinic Go to a convenience care clinic, available in larger retail stores, drugstores and grocery stores. Or try a 24/7 Virtual Visit at uhcdoctorchat.com .
Need non-emergency care quickly?	Urgent care Try urgent care. There's no need to make an appointment, and the wait is generally much shorter than the emergency room.
Have a mental health emergency?	Mental health crisis center , or call 988 .
Have a medical emergency?	Emergency room , or call 911 .



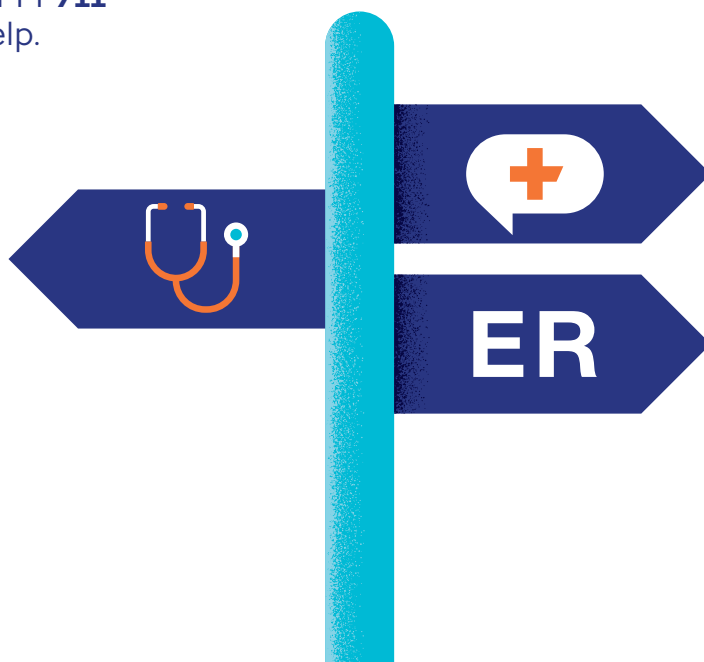
Not sure where to go?

Call NurseLine at **1-855-575-0136**, TTY **711** to talk with a nurse 24/7 who can help.



Need a new provider?

We can help you find one. Chat with an advocate through myuhc.com/communityplan or the **UnitedHealthcare** mobile app.





Your child's body

Thyroid health in kids

What parents should know

Most people think of thyroid problems as an adult issue – but they're actually the most common hormone-related disorder in school-aged children.

The thyroid is a small gland in the front of the neck. It may be tiny, but it has a big job. It makes thyroid hormones that help control:

- Growth and development
- Energy and metabolism
- Heart and muscle function
- How well organs work

When the thyroid isn't working properly, it can affect your child in many ways – depending on whether it's overactive (hyperthyroidism) or underactive (hypothyroidism). Talk to your child's doctor if you have a concern about their thyroid.



Because thyroid issues are becoming more common, many doctors now check thyroid levels during routine checkups. This is done with a simple blood test. If something looks off, your child's doctor may order more tests or start treatment, often with medication to help balance hormone levels.



Community Resources

Where to turn for help with food, housing, utilities and more

UnitedHealthcare Community Resources connects you and your child(ren) to programs across the country that offer support at low or no cost.

Find help in your area, including:

- Warm blankets and winter clothing
- Home efficiency upgrades
- Transportation assistance for school or work



Visit **uhc.care/HTCommResources** or open the **UnitedHealthcare mobile app** and tap the **Community Resources** tile found under **Benefits**.



Is your child due for a lead screening?

A little lead can cause big problems

Many kids living in the U.S. have too much lead in their blood. This is called lead poisoning. Even if your child seems healthy, just a small amount of lead can do a lot of harm. But there's good news. A simple blood test can help protect your child. And it's covered at no cost to you.

Why is lead testing important?

You should test your child for lead at 12 months and 24 months of age. If a child has lead in their blood, it can:

- Slow their growth and harm their nervous system
- Cause blood, brain, hearing and kidney problems
- Affect their intelligence and lead to learning and behavior problems

Ask your child's provider about a lead screening today.



Learn more about lead poison prevention. Visit **cdc.gov/nceh/lead**.



We're here to help

Access your plan 24/7

Find the information and support you need when and where you need it.

UnitedHealthcare App:

Download on the App Store® or Google Play™

Our member website:

myuhc.com/communityplan

Member Services:

Toll-free **1-877-542-9238**, TTY **711**

Get help with your questions and concerns.

Find a health care provider or urgent care center, ask benefit questions or get help scheduling an appointment, in any language.

NurseLine: 1-855-575-0136, TTY 711

Get health advice from a nurse 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at no cost to you (toll-free).

KanQuit:

1-800-784-8669, TTY **711** | KSquit.org

Get help quitting smoking at no cost to you (toll-free).

Transportation:

1-877-542-9238, TTY **711**

Call Member Services to set up a ride and get connected with our transportation team (toll-free).

Care Management:

1-877-542-9238, TTY **711**

Members with chronic conditions and complex needs can get phone calls, home visits, health education, referrals to community resources, appointment reminders, help with rides and more (toll-free).

Live and Work Well: liveandworkwell.com

Find articles, self-care tools, caring providers, and mental health and substance use resources.

Healthy First Steps®:

1-800-599-5985, TTY **711**

uhchealthyfirststeps.com

Get support throughout your pregnancy and rewards for timely prenatal and well-baby care (toll-free).

Self Care by AbleTo: ableto.com/begin

This Self Care app gives you emotional health tools like meditations, breathing exercises, videos, and more at no cost.

Go Digital:

myuhc.com/communityplan/preference

Sign up for email, text messages and digital files to receive your health information more quickly.

Community Resources:

uhc.care/HTCommResources

UnitedHealthcare Community Resources has programs that can provide help with food, housing, paying utilities, and more, at reduced or no cost to you. Search to find help in your area.

Expressable: expressable.com/united

Partner with a licensed speech therapist for 1-on-1 virtual sessions from the comfort of home – with weekly practice activities, education, and support to reach your goals faster.



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If you need these services, call **1-877-542-9238**, TTY **711**, 8 a.m.–6 p.m., Monday–Friday.

If you believe that we failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can send a complaint to the Civil Rights Coordinator:

Civil Rights Coordinator
UnitedHealthcare Civil Rights Grievance
P.O. Box 30608
Salt Lake City, UT 84130
UHC_Civil_Rights@uhc.com

Optum Civil Rights Coordinator
1 Optum Circle
Eden Prairie, MN 55344
Optum_Civil_Rights@Optum.com

If you need help filing a complaint, call **1-877-542-9238**, TTY **711**, 8 a.m.–6 p.m., Monday–Friday.

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights:

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

Phone: **1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697** (TDD)

Mail: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Room 509F, HHH Building
Washington, D.C. 20201

Complaint forms are available at: **<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>**.

This notice is available at: **<https://www.uhc.com/nondiscrimination-med>**
<https://www.optum.com/en/language-assistance-nondiscrimination.html>

Notice of availability of language assistance services and alternate formats

ATTENTION: Free language assistance services and free communications in other formats, such as large print, are available to you. Call 1-877-542-9238, TTY 711.

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ATENCIÓN: Si habla **español (Spanish)**, tiene acceso a servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística y a materiales gratuitos en otros formatos, como letra grande. Llame al 1-877-542-9238, TTY 711.

ATTENTION: Si vous parlez **français (French)**, des services d'assistance linguistique gratuits et des communications gratuites dans d'autres formats, tels que du texte en gros caractères, sont à votre disposition. Appelez le 1-877-542-9238, ATS 711

CHÚ Ý: Nếu quý vị nói tiếng **Việt (Vietnamese)**, quý vị sẽ nhận được các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí và nhận các tài liệu truyền thông miễn phí ở các định dạng khác như chữ in lớn. Gọi số 1-877-542-9238, TTY 711.

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HINWEIS: Wenn Sie **Deutsch (German)** sprechen, stehen Ihnen kostenlose Sprachdienste und kostenlose Mitteilungen in anderen Formaten, beispielsweise in Großdruck, zur Verfügung. Rufen Sie +1 877-542-9238, TTY 711 an.

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