



# Health Talk



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Community Plan

## Strategies for coping

Learn ways to be mindful and keep your stress in check. Visit [LiveandWorkWell.com](https://www.liveandworkwell.com) for mental health resources.

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## Take charge

### Prepare to see your provider

Preparing for your annual wellness visit can help you get the most out of it. Here are 3 things you can do to take charge of your health.

- 1. Think about what you want to get out of the visit before you go.** Focus on the top 3 things you need help with.
- 2. Tell your provider about any drugs or vitamins you take on a regular basis.** Bring a written list. Or bring the medicine itself.
- 3. Tell your provider about other providers you see.** Include behavioral health providers. Mention treatments they have prescribed. Bring copies of test results.

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## You're not alone

Did you know that more than 17 million American adults have depression? And women are about twice as likely to have depression as men. To learn more about the different treatment options for depression, visit [LiveandWorkWell.com](https://www.LiveandWorkWell.com).

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## Take a walk

Going outside for a walk each day is an easy way to improve your overall health. Exercise helps reduce your risk for chronic conditions like heart disease and diabetes. Getting fresh air and being out in nature have been shown to improve mental health, too.



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## The right care

Utilization management (UM) helps make sure you receive the right care and services when you need them.

Our UM staff reviews the services that your provider asks for. They compare the care and services your provider requests against clinical guidelines. They also compare what is being asked for against the benefits you have.

When the care is not covered under your benefits or does not meet the guidelines, it may be denied. We do not pay or reward our providers or staff for denying service or approving less care. If care is denied, you and your provider have a right to appeal. The denial letter will tell you how.



**Questions?** Call Member Services toll-free at the

phone number on the back of your member ID card. TDD/TTY services and language assistance are available if you need them.

# We care

## Voluntary programs to help manage your health

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan provides programs and services to help keep you well. We also have services to help better manage illnesses and other care needs. These are part of our programs to help manage your health. They may include:

- Health education and reminders
- Maternity support and education
- Support for substance use disorders
- Programs to help you with complex health needs (care managers work with your provider and other outside agencies)

These programs are voluntary. They are offered as covered benefits. You can choose to stop any program at any time.



**Take care.** Visit [myuhc.com/CommunityPlan](https://myuhc.com/CommunityPlan) to find more information about network providers and the benefits, programs and services offered to you. If you want to make a referral to our case management program, call Member Services toll-free at the phone number on the back of your member ID card.



## Pleasing picky eaters

You've probably heard that eating lots of fruits and vegetables is key to a healthy diet. But some kids don't like the taste of vegetables and refuse to eat them. So, how can you make sure your child is getting all of the vitamins and nutrients they need?

To please picky eaters, try adding cooked broccoli, carrots, spinach or peas to kid-friendly mac and cheese. Cut the vegetables into small pieces so they are less noticeable. The cheese sauce will help hide the taste of the vegetables.

# Follow-up care

## Know what to do after going home from the hospital

It is important to receive follow-up instructions before you go home from the hospital or emergency room (ER). Make sure you understand what is being asked of you. Ask questions if you do not. You can have someone you trust listen to the instructions, so they also understand what you are supposed to do when you go home.

Make an appointment with your primary care provider as soon as you get home from the hospital. Bring your follow-up instructions and medications with you and share them with your provider. Proper follow-up may prevent another visit to the hospital or ER.



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## Your partner in health

Your primary care provider provides or coordinates your health care. You should see your provider every year for well visits, immunizations and important screenings.

You want to feel comfortable talking with your primary care provider. You need a provider with an office location and hours that work for you. You may want a provider who speaks your language or understands your culture. You might prefer a male or female provider. If your provider isn't right for you, you can switch at any time.

Teens have different health care needs than children. It may be time for your teen to switch to a provider who treats adults. Your daughter may need a woman's health provider such as an OB/GYN.

You can learn more about plan providers online or by phone. Information available includes:

- Address and phone number
- Qualifications
- Specialty
- Board certification
- Languages they speak
- Medical school or residency (information available by phone only)



**Choose your provider.** To find a new provider, visit [myuhc.com/CommunityPlan](https://myuhc.com/CommunityPlan). Or call Member Services toll-free at the phone number on the back of your member ID card.

## By the book

Have you read your Member Handbook? It is a great source of information. It tells you how to use your plan. It explains:

- Your member rights and responsibilities
- The benefits and services you have
- The benefits and services you don't have (exclusions)
- What costs you may have for health care
- How to find out about network providers
- How your prescription drug benefits work
- What to do if you need care when you are out of town
- When and how you can get care from an out-of-network provider
- Where, when and how to get primary, after-hours, behavioral health, specialty, hospital and emergency care
- Our privacy policy
- What to do if you get a bill
- How to voice a complaint or appeal a coverage decision
- How to ask for an interpreter or get other help with language or translation
- How the plan decides if new treatments or technologies are covered
- How to report fraud and abuse



**Get it all.** You can read the Member Handbook online at [myuhc.com/CommunityPlan](https://myuhc.com/CommunityPlan). To request a print copy, call Member Services toll-free at the phone number on the back of your member ID card.



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## Quitting smoking is hard

Most people who smoke cigarettes say they want to quit. In fact, more than half of adult smokers say they tried to quit in the past year. But only 7.5% were able to quit successfully.

Don't be discouraged if you weren't able to quit smoking the first time you tried. Try talking to your health care provider. Getting advice improves your chances of quitting smoking for good. Even a brief 3-minute conversation can make a difference.



**You can do it.** Don't give up on quitting smoking.

Make an appointment to talk to your provider today.

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## Resource corner

**Member Services:** Find a provider, ask benefit questions or get help scheduling an appointment, in any language (toll-free).  
**1-866-292-0359, TTY 711**

**Our website:** Find a provider, view your benefits or see your member 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).  
**1-866-351-6827, TTY 711**

**Quit For Life®:** Get help quitting smoking at no cost to you (toll-free).  
**1-866-784-8454, TTY 711**  
**quitnow.net**

**Healthy First Steps®:** Get support throughout your pregnancy. Get rewards for timely prenatal and well-baby care (toll-free).  
**1-800-599-5985, TTY 711**  
**UHCHealthyFirstSteps.com**

**Live and Work Well:** Find mental health and substance use resources.  
**LiveandWorkWell.com**

**Transportation benefits at no cost for eligible members to and from your doctor visits:** Call Member Services to make a reservation. When asked why you are calling, say “transportation.”  
**1-866-292-0359, TTY 711**  
Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.



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# Protect against COVID-19

## An important message from UnitedHealthcare

Your health and well-being are our No. 1 priority. That’s why we want to make sure you stay informed about the coronavirus (COVID-19). We’re working with and following the latest information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). We’re also in touch with state and local public health departments.

### How can I protect myself from COVID-19?

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. As with any potential illness, like the flu, it is important to follow good prevention practices, including:

- Hand-washing with soap and water for 20 seconds, or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available
- Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands
- Try to stay away from people who might be sick
- Do not share cups or eating utensils with people who are sick
- Clean and disinfect surfaces that are touched often
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, and then throw the tissue in the trash



**Stay informed.** For the most up-to-date information and resources about COVID-19 prevention, coverage, care and support, please visit **UHCCommunityPlan.com/covid-19**.



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

If you think you were not treated fairly due to race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, you can file a grievance. File it with:

Civil Rights Coordinator  
UnitedHealthcare Civil Rights Grievance  
P.O. Box 30608  
Salt Lake City, UTAH 84130  
**UHC\_Civil\_Rights@uhc.com**  
**1-866-292-0359, TTY 711**

You may file on the phone, in person or in writing.

If you need help with your grievance, call **1-866-292-0359, TTY 711**. Hours are 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday.

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

**Online:**

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

Get complaint forms 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 communication help at no cost for people with disabilities. This includes materials with large print. It includes audio, electronic and other formats. We also provide American sign language interpreters. If English is not your main language, you may ask for an interpreter. We also provide materials in other languages. To ask for help, call **1-866-292-0359, TTY 711**. Hours are 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday.

**ATTENTION:** If you do not speak English, language assistance services, at no cost to you, are available. Call **1-866-292-0359**, **TTY 711**.

### **Spanish**

**ATENCIÓN:** si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al **1-866-292-0359**, **TTY 711**.

### **Traditional Chinese**

**注意：**如果您使用繁體中文，您可以免費獲得語言援助服務。請致電 **1-866-292-0359**，**TTY 711**。

### **Vietnamese**

**LƯU Ý:** Nếu quý vị nói Tiếng Việt, chúng tôi có các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí. Vui lòng gọi số **1-866-292-0359**, **TTY 711**.

### **Serbo- Croatian**

**OBAVJEŠTENJE:** Ako govorite srpsko-hrvatski, usluge jezičke pomoći dostupne su besplatno. Nazovite **1-866-292-0359**, **TTY 711**.

### **German**

**HINWEIS:** Wenn Sie Deutsch sprechen, stehen kostenlose Sprachendienste zur Verfügung. Wählen Sie: **1-866-292-0359**, **TTY 711**.

### **Arabic**

**تنبيه:** إذا كنت تتحدث العربية، تتوفر خدمات المساعدة اللغوية مجانًا. اتصل على الرقم

**1-866-292-0359** ، الهاتف النصي **711** .



## Korean

참고: 한국어를 하시는 경우, 통역 서비스를 비용 부담 없이 이용하실 수 있습니다. **1-866-292-0359, TTY 711** 로 전화하십시오.

## Russian

ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите по-русски, вы можете воспользоваться услугами переводчика, без каких-либо затрат. Звоните по тел **1-866-292-0359, TTY 711**.

## French

ATTENTION : Si vous parlez français, vous pouvez obtenir une assistance linguistique sans aucun frais. Appelez le **1-866-292-0359, TTY 711**.

## Tagalog

ATENSYON: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, may magagamit na serbisyo ng pantulong sa wika, nang wala kang gagastusin. Tumawag sa **1-866-292-0359, TTY 711**.

## Pennsylvania Dutch

WICHTIG: Wann du Deitsch (Pennsylvania Dutch) schwetze duscht, kannscht du ebber griege fer helfe mit Englisch unni as es dich ennich ebbes koschte zellt. Ruf **1-866-292-0359, TTY 711** aa.

## Farsi

توجه: اگر به زبان فارسی صحبت می کنید، خدمات ترجمه زبان به صورت رایگان به شما ارائه خواهد شد. لطفاً با شماره تلفن **1-866-292-0359, TTY 711** تماس بگیرید.

## Oromo

XIYYEEFFANNAA: Afaan dubbattu Oroomiffa yoo ta'e, tajaajilli gargaarsa afaanii baasii kee malee, ni argama. Bilbilaa **1-866-292-0359, TTY 711.**

## Portuguese

ATENÇÃO: Se fala português, encontram-se disponíveis serviços linguísticos, sem custo nenhum. Ligue para **1-866-292-0359, TTY 711.**

## Amharic

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