



Health Talk



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United
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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.

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 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.

Know your drug benefits

Visit myuhc.com/CommunityPlan to learn about your prescription drug benefits. There is information about:

- **What drugs are covered.** There is a list of covered drugs. You may need to use a generic drug in place of a brand-name drug.
- **Where to get your prescriptions filled.** You can find a pharmacy near you that accepts your plan. You may also be able to get certain drugs by mail.
- **Rules that may apply.** Some drugs may only be covered in certain cases. For example, you might need to try a different drug first. (This is called step therapy.) Or you might need approval from UnitedHealthcare to use a drug. (This is called prior authorization.) There may also be limits to the amount you can get of certain drugs.
- **Any costs to you.** You do not have copayments for prescriptions.



Look it up. Find information on your drug benefits at myuhc.com/CommunityPlan. Or call Member Services toll-free at the phone number on the back of your member ID card.



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. 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. 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.

Resource corner

Member Services: Find a provider, ask benefit questions or get help scheduling an appointment, in any language (toll-free).
1-800-587-5187, TTY 711

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

Quit For Life®: Get help quitting smoking (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

BH Link: Mental health support is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
401-414-LINK
(401-414-5465)



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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:

- Wear a mask to protect yourself and others
- Avoid crowds and try to stay away from people who might be sick (the more people you are in contact with, the more likely you are to be exposed to COVID-19)
- 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
- 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
- Get vaccinated when you are eligible



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 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 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, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 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

If you need help with your complaint, please call the toll-free member phone number listed on your member ID card.

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, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

ATTENTION: Language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. Call 1-800-587-5187, TTY 711.

Spanish

ATENCIÓN: Los servicios de asistencia de idiomas están a su disposición sin cargo. Llame al 1-800-587-5187, TTY 711.

Portuguese

ATENÇÃO: Encontram-se disponíveis serviços de assistência de idioma. Contacte 1-800-587-5187, TTY 711.

Chinese

注意：我們提供免費的語言協助服務。請致電 1-800-587-5187 或聽障專線 (TTY) 711。

French Creole (Haitian Creole)

ATANSYON: Gen sèvis èd pou lang, gratis, ki disponib pou ou. Rele 1-800-587-5187, TTY 711.

Mon-Khmer, Cambodian

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French

ATTENTION : vous pouvez profiter d'une assistance linguistique sans frais en appelant le 1-800-587-5187, TTY 711.

Italian

ATTENZIONE: È disponibile un servizio gratuito di assistenza linguistica. Chiamare il numero 1-800-587-5187, TTY 711.

Laotian

ໝາຍເຫດ: ການບໍລິການຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອດ້ານພາສາໂດຍບໍ່ເສຍຄ່າແມ່ນມີໃຫ້ແກ່ທ່ານ. ໂທຫາ 1-800-587-5187, TTY 711.

Arabic

تنبيه: تتوفر لك خدمات المساعدة اللغوية مجانًا. اتصل على الرقم 1-800-587-5187، الهاتف النصي: 711.

Russian

ВНИМАНИЕ! Языковые услуги предоставляются вам бесплатно. Звоните по телефону 1-800-587-5187, TTY 711.

Vietnamese

LƯU Ý: Dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ, miễn phí, dành cho bạn. Hãy gọi 1-800-587-5187, TTY 711.

Kru (Bassa)

TÒ ĐUỖ NÒMÒ DYÍIN CÁO: À bédé gbo-kpá-kpá bó wuḍu-dù kò-kò po-nyò bě bìì nḡ à gbo bó pídyi. M̄ dyi gbo-kpá-kpá m̄wín, ḍá nòbà nìà ke: 1-800-587-5187, TTY 711.

Igbo

NRỤBAMA: Ọrụ enyemaka asụsụ, n'efu, dijịrị gị. Kpọọ 1-800-587-5187, TTY 711.

Yoruba

AKIYESI: Iranlowo siso ede, o wa ni ofe fun o. Pe 1-800-587-5187, TTY 711.

Polish

UWAGA: Zapewniamy bezpłatne wsparcie tłumaczeniowe. Prosimy o kontakt telefoniczny: 1-800-587-5187, TTY 711.