



Health Talk



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United
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Community Plan

Your opinion matters

Beginning in March, you may be asked to complete a survey by mail or phone. We want to know how happy you are with UnitedHealthcare Community Plan. If you get a survey, please respond. Your opinion helps us make the health plan better. Your answers will be private.

Exercise ideas

We all know exercise is important, but not everyone has the time or money to go to the gym. For a good workout at home, try these simple exercises:



- Classic exercises, such as sit-ups, push-ups, lunges, squats and climbers
- Wheelchair exercises, such as arm circles, arm raises, side twists and toe taps
- Low-impact weightlifting
- Yoga or chair yoga



Try an easy at-home workout.
Learn some simple yoga moves at healthtalkyoga.myuhc.com.

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Healthy mind,
healthy body

Managing pain

Dealing with pain is something everyone goes through. You may be prescribed medication to help manage your pain. This may include over-the-counter drugs, such as aspirin or ibuprofen. Or they may be prescription painkillers, such as opioids. However, you may want to consider other options beyond medication. Here are some examples of other ways you can manage pain:

Mind-body techniques

These may include activities like meditation, mindfulness or breathing exercises. Pain often has a mental aspect, which these techniques can help with. Studies have shown that meditation can change how your brain processes pain.

Exercise

Exercise has a number of health benefits, including pain management. Walking, swimming or stretching can be good options for people in pain. Being inactive can contribute to pain, and exercise works against that. You can even combine exercise with mindfulness through activities like yoga or chair yoga.

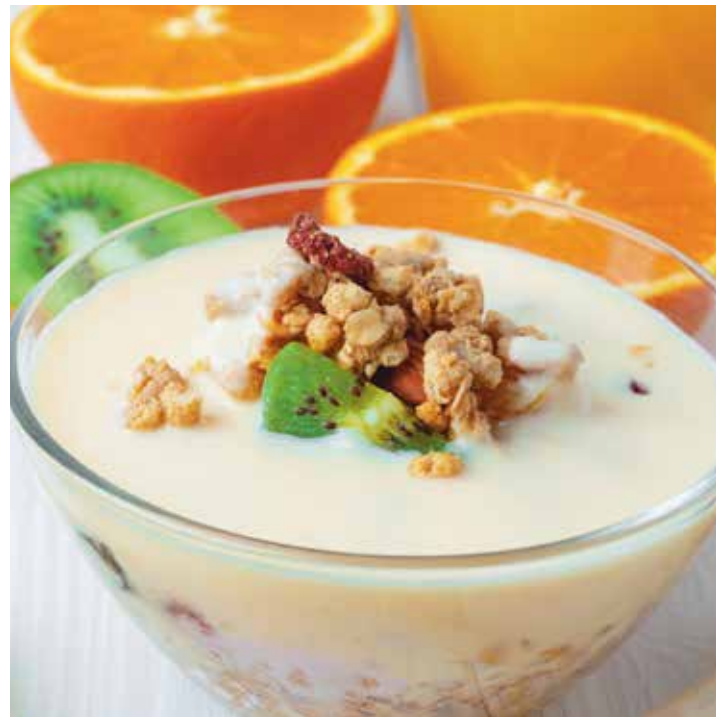
Smile

The foods you eat can be good for your teeth

Taking care of your teeth is important. Certain vitamins and minerals — like calcium, vitamin C and vitamin A — are good for your teeth. Here are some foods to incorporate into your diet to help keep your teeth strong and healthy:

- Beans
- Canned tuna
- Cheese
- Cherries
- Dark leafy greens
- Grapefruit
- Lemon
- Nuts
- Oranges
- Salmon
- Seeds
- Yogurt

In addition to eating healthy, it's important to get preventive dental care. Regular checkups with a dentist will help keep your teeth and gums healthy, which can help you look and feel better.



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Learn more. To learn more about the dental benefits your health plan offers, call Member Services toll-free at the phone number listed in the resource corner on page 4 of this newsletter.

The truth about vaping

Some people think that vaping is safer than smoking. But most vaping is not safe. Vaping cartridges contain nicotine and many other chemicals. No matter how it is delivered, nicotine is known to cause addiction. This also affects brain development, memory, learning and mood. Vaping cartridges without nicotine still have chemicals that can be harmful to lungs.

Vaping can be especially dangerous for teens. If your child or their friends are vaping, encourage them to quit. By quitting vaping, teens may find that their performance in sports and physical activities improves. You can also explain that the sooner someone quits, the better their body can fix the damage caused by vaping.

If your child needs help quitting smoking or vaping, talk to their provider. They can share resources to help.



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Vaccines save lives

Thanks to vaccines, many dangerous diseases are now rare. Diseases, such as polio and chickenpox, are good examples of this. Vaccines are part of regular care that children and adults should receive. Here are 4 reasons to vaccinate:

1. Vaccines are safe. They have been tested. Studies show they do not cause autism or other conditions.
2. Vaccines build your immunity to help you stay healthy.
3. Vaccines protect your family, friends and community. When more people are vaccinated, everyone has a lower risk of getting sick.
4. Diseases, such as COVID-19, are not stopped by city, state or international borders. But they are stopped by vaccines.

With COVID-19 and the flu spreading this winter, vaccines are the best protection against getting seriously ill. Anyone over the age of 5 is eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Flu shots are recommended each year for everyone 6 months and older.



Stay safe. For more information about vaccines for the entire family, visit [cdc.gov/vaccines](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines). Find information about the COVID-19 vaccine at [uhcommunityplan.com/covid-19/vaccine](https://www.uhcommunityplan.com/covid-19/vaccine).



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Have a healthy pregnancy

Tips for expectant mothers

If you are pregnant, it's important to take care of yourself to keep both you and your baby healthy. Here are 4 tips for expectant mothers.

- 1. Keep all prenatal appointments with your provider.** Start seeing your provider as soon as you suspect you are pregnant and then once a month during weeks 4 to 28 of your pregnancy. Then go every 2 weeks from weeks 28 to 36. For the last month, see your provider every week.
- 2. Take prenatal vitamins.** They help your baby grow healthy and strong. Read the label and make sure your prenatal vitamin has folic acid, iron, calcium and a B vitamin in it.
- 3. Keep moving.** Exercise is always important, but it's especially so during pregnancy. It can help lower stress, strengthen muscles and reduce fatigue. Daily walks are an easy way to keep moving.
- 4. Connect with available resources to support your pregnancy.** Sign up for our Healthy First Steps® program today to start earning rewards for having a healthy pregnancy. Visit [uhhealthyfirststeps.com](https://www.uhhealthyfirststeps.com) to enroll after your first provider appointment. Or call **1-800-599-5985**, TTY **711**, for more information.



Resource corner

Member Services: Find a provider, ask benefit questions or get help scheduling an appointment, in any language (toll-free).
1-888-980-8728, TTY 711

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

MDLive: Telehealth lets you connect with a doctor. No appointment is needed. Use your computer, tablet or mobile phone to stay at home and reduce exposure to COVID-19.
1-808-427-7250
members.mdlive.com/uhchawaii

Aloha United Way 2-1-1: Aloha United Way 2-1-1 is a free and confidential statewide helpline that can connect you with information and community resources. 2-1-1 can help you find food, shelter, job training, elderly care and more.
1-877-275-6569 or 2-1-1
auw211.org



UnitedHealthcare Community Plan complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of:

- Race
- Disability
- Age
- National Origin
- Color
- Sex

English

Do you need help in another language? We will get you a free interpreter. Call **1-888-980-8728**, TTY **711**, to tell us which language you speak.

Ilocano

PAKDAAR: Nu saritaem ti Ilocano, ti serbisyo para ti baddang ti lengguahe nga awanan bayadna, ket sidadaan para kenyan. Awagan ti **1-888-980-8728**, TTY **711**.

Tagalog

PAUNAWA: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, maaari kang gumamit ng serbisyo ng tulong sa wika ng walang bayad. Tumawag sa **1-888-980-8728**, 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 **1-888-980-8728**, TTY **711**。

Korean

주의: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. **1-888-980-8728**, TTY **711**번으로 전화해 주십시오.

Vietnamese

CHÚ Ý: Nếu bạn nói tiếng Việt, có các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí dành cho bạn. Gọi số **1-888-980-8728**, TTY **711**.