



Health Talk

Your journey to better health

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**United
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Community Plan

Communication needs

We provide free services to help you communicate with us. We can send you information in languages other than English or in large print. You can ask for an interpreter. To ask for help, please call Member Services toll-free at the phone number on Page 6.

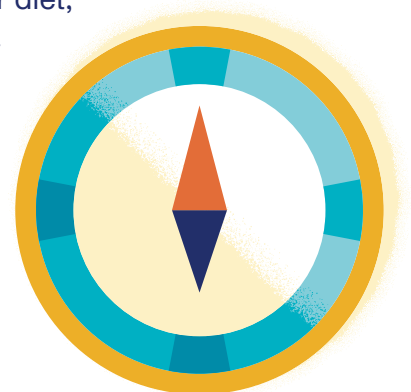
Care guidelines

The best care

Tools for better health

We give our providers tools so they can best care for our members. These tools are called clinical practice guidelines. They share best practices on how to manage illnesses and promote wellness.

The guidelines cover care for many illnesses and conditions like diabetes, high blood pressure and depression. They also give advice on how to stay well with proper diet, exercise and vaccines. For more information, visit uhcprovider.com/cpg.



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Health equity

Safe and secure

How we use and protect language, cultural and social needs

At UnitedHealthcare®, we help coordinate your care across all of your health care providers. To do that, we receive and share important information about you. This may include your race, ethnicity, language you speak, gender identity, sexual orientation and social needs. This data and other personal information about you is protected health information (PHI). We may share this information with your health care providers as part of treatment, payment and operations. This helps us meet your health care needs.

Examples of how we may use this information to improve our services include:

- To find gaps in care
- To help you in languages other than English
- To create programs that meet your needs
- To tell your health care providers which language(s) you speak

We do not use this data to deny coverage or limit benefits. We protect this information in the same way we protect all other PHI. Access is restricted to those employees who need to use it. Our buildings and computers are secured. Computer passwords and other system protections keep your data safe.

To find out more about how we protect your cultural data, visit uhc.com/about-us/re-collection-and-use. For more information on our health equity program, visit unitedhealthgroup.com/what-we-do/health-equity.html.

Member Handbook

All about your health plan

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
- 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/benefitsandcvg. Or call Member Services toll-free at the phone number on Page 6 to request a copy.



Plan benefits

Caring for you

We want to make sure you get the care you need when you need it. If you need help getting to your provider's office, we can help. Our health plan offers transportation benefits to get you to appointments. Call Member Services at the phone number on Page 6 to learn more.

If you need to see a provider right away, you can get after-hours care at urgent care centers. We also have a NurseLine that you can call anytime — 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Virtual visits also are available.

To find a provider or look for urgent care center locations near you, visit connect.werally.com/state-plan-selection/uhc.medicaid/state. Or use the UnitedHealthcare app.

Know the risks

Teens and substance use

Substance use is common among teens. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, alcohol is the most commonly used substance among young people in the U.S. Teens as young as 8th grade are also using marijuana and vaping.

Using substances as a teenager has been shown to affect brain development. It is also linked to risky behaviors, such as unprotected sex and dangerous driving. And it can cause problems for the teenager later in life. It increases the chance of heart disease, high blood pressure and sleep disorders.

Having a discussion with your teenager about using substances may be difficult, but it can help. Show interest in their hobbies and plan to spend quality time with your teen. This can help you bring up the subject in a natural way. Try not to use harsh or judgmental words during the discussion.



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Get guidance. For more information about substance and alcohol use, visit liveandworkwell.com.



Utilization management

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 your provider asks for. They compare the care and services your provider asks for against clinical practice guidelines. They also compare what is being asked for against your benefits.

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

If you have any questions, call Member Services toll-free at the phone number on Page 6. TTY services and language assistance are available if you need them.

Stay well

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 population health program. 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 at no cost to you. You can choose to stop any program at any time.



Learn more. You can find more information about our programs and services at myuhc.com/communityplan/healthwellness. If you want to make a referral to our care management program, call Member Services toll-free at the phone number on Page 6.

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Primary care

Take charge

Preparing for your provider visit can help you get the most out of it. So can making sure your provider knows about all the care you get. Here are 4 ways you can take charge of your health care:

- 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.** Bring a written list.

Or bring the actual medicines. Mention who prescribed them for you.

- 3. Tell your provider about other providers you see.** Include behavioral health providers. Bring copies of any test results or treatment plans from other providers.
- 4. If you were in the hospital or emergency room (ER), see your provider as soon as possible after you go home.** Share your discharge instructions with them. Proper follow-up may prevent another hospital admission or visit to the ER.

Member resources

Here for you

We want to make it as easy as possible for you to get the most out of your health plan. As our member, you have many services and benefits available to you.

Member Services: 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 (toll-free).
1-866-292-0359, TTY 711

Our website: Our website keeps all your health information in one place. You can find a health care provider, view your benefits or see your member ID card, wherever you are.
myuhc.com/communityplan

UnitedHealthcare app: Access your health plan information on-the-go. View your coverage and benefits. Find nearby network providers. View your member ID card, get directions to your provider's office and much more.

Download on the App Store® or Google Play™

NurseLine: Get health advice from a nurse 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at no cost to you (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



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Transportation: Benefits at no cost for eligible members to and from your doctor visits and gas mileage reimbursement.
1-844-529-1801, TTY 711

Care Management: This program is for members with chronic conditions and complex needs. You can get phone calls, home visits, health education, referrals to community resources, appointment reminders, help with rides and more (toll-free).
1-866-292-0359, TTY 711

Live and Work Well: Find articles, self-care tools, caring providers, and mental health and substance use resources.
liveandworkwell.com

Assurance Wireless: Get unlimited high-speed data, minutes and texts each month. Plus an Android™ smartphone at no cost to you.
assurancewireless.com/partner/buhc

Healthy First Steps®: We'll work with you and your primary care provider (PCP) to help you have the best pregnancy experience possible and take healthy steps along the way.
1-800-599-5985, TTY 711
uhchealthyfirststeps.com

Babyscripts: Rewards you for going to your prenatal and postpartum visits. To sign up, visit the Apple App Store® or Google Play™ store on your smartphone and download the Babyscripts myJourney app. Or call **1-800-599-5985**.

Go digital: Sign up for email, text messages and digital files to receive your health information more quickly.
myuhc.com/communityplan/preference



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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