



# Health Talk



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## 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](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.



## Know your drug benefits

Visit [myuhc.com/CommunityPlan](https://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 may have copayments for prescriptions (if you are in NJ FamilyCare C or NJ FamilyCare D).



**Look it up.** Find information on your drug benefits at [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.

# 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 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 also 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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## 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.

# Health equity

## How we use and protect cultural data

We receive cultural data about you. This data may include your race, ethnicity and the language you speak.

We do not use this data to deny coverage or limit benefits. We use this information to improve the services we provide. Having access to this data allows us to:

- Help you in other languages
- Find gaps in care
- Create programs that meet your needs

UnitedHealthcare protects your cultural data. 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/rel-collection-and-use](https://uhc.com/about-us/rel-collection-and-use).



**Learn more.** Want more information on our health equity programs? Visit [unitedhealthgroup.com/who-we-are/health-equity.html](https://unitedhealthgroup.com/who-we-are/health-equity.html).



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## We speak your language

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 the back of your member ID card.

Proporcionamos servicios gratuitos para ayudarle a comunicarse con nosotros. Podemos enviarle información en idiomas distintos al inglés o en letra grande. Puede solicitar un intérprete. Para solicitar ayuda, llame a la línea gratuita de Servicios para miembros al número que aparece al reverso de su tarjeta de identificación de miembro.

저희와 대화할 수 있도록 무료 서비스를 제공해 드립니다. 저희는 영어 이외의 다른 언어로 또는 큰 활자체로 정보를 제공할 수 있습니다. 통역사를 요청할 수 있습니다. 도움을 요청하시려면 회원 ID 카드 뒷면에 있는 전화 번호를 통해 회원 서비스에 전화하십시오(수신자 부담 전화).

我們提供免費服務，幫助您與我們溝通。我們可以寄送英文以外其他語言的資訊或大字體。您可以要求安排口譯員。如需協助，請撥打會員身分證背面的會員服務部免付費電話號碼。

نقدم خدمات مجانية لمساعدتك في التواصل معنا. يمكننا إرسال معلومات لك بلغات غير اللغة الإنجليزية أو بخط طباعي كبير. يمكنك طلب مترجم فوري. لطلب المساعدة، يرجى الاتصال بهاتف خدمات الأعضاء المجاني على رقم الهاتف الموجود على ظهر بطاقة هوية العضو الخاصة بك.

ما به شما کمک می‌کنیم با ما ارتباط برقرار کنید، این خدمات را رایگان ارائه می‌دهیم. می‌توانیم اطلاعات را به زبانی غیر از انگلیسی با حروف درشت برای شما ارسال کنیم. همچنین می‌توانید درخواست مترجم شفاهی کنید. برای درخواست کمک، لطفاً با «خدمات اعضا» به شماره رایگان درج‌شده در پشت کارت شناسایی عضویت خود تماس بگیرید.



## Resource corner

**Member Services:** Find a provider, ask benefit questions or get help scheduling an appointment, in any language (toll-free).  
**1-800-941-4647, TTY 711**

**Our website:** Find a provider, view your benefits or see your ID card, wherever you are.  
**[myuhc.com/CommunityPlan](https://myuhc.com/CommunityPlan)**

**New Jersey Quitline:** Free counseling service for smokers who are ready to stop.  
**1-866-657-8677, TTY 711**  
**[njquitline.org](https://njquitline.org)**

**Healthy First Steps®:** Get support throughout your pregnancy (toll-free).  
**1-800-599-5985, TTY 711**  
**[UHCHealthyFirstSteps.com](https://UHCHealthyFirstSteps.com)**

**Live and Work Well:** Find mental health and substance use resources.  
**[LiveandWorkWell.com](https://LiveandWorkWell.com)**



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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



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**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](https://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**, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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

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If the enclosed information is not in your primary language, please call UnitedHealthcare Community Plan at 1-800-941-4647, TTY 711

Yog cov ntaub ntawv muab tuaj hauv no tsis yog sau ua koj hom lus, thov hu rau UnitedHealthcare Community Plan ntawm 1-800-941-4647, TTY 711.

Afai o fa'amatalaga ua tuuina atu e le'o tusia i lau gagana masani, faamolemole fa'afesoota'i mail e vaega a le UnitedHealthcare Community Plan ile telefoni 1-800-941-4647, TTY 711.

Если прилагаемая информация представлена не на Вашем родном языке, позвоните представителю UnitedHealthcare Community Plan по тел. 1-800-941-4647, телетайп 711.

Якщо інформація, що додається, подана не на Вашій рідній мові, зателефонуйте до UnitedHealthcare Community Plan 1-800-941-4647 для осіб з порушеннями слуху 711.

동봉한 안내 자료가 귀하의 모국어로 준비되어 있지 않으면 1-800-941-4647, TTY 711 로 UnitedHealthcare Community Plan 에 전화하십시오.

Dacă informațiile alăturate nu sunt în limba dumneavoastră principală, vă rugăm să sunați la UnitedHealthcare Community Plan, la numărul 1-800-941-4647 TTY 711.

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Si la información adjunta no esta en su lengua maternal, llame a Unitedhealthcare Community Plan al 1-800-941-4647, TTY 711.

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Nếu ngôn ngữ trong thông tin đính kèm này không phải là ngôn ngữ chánh của quý vị, xin gọi cho UnitedHealthcare Community Plan theo số 1-800-941-4647, TTY 711.

若隨附資訊的語言不屬於您主要使用語言，請致電 UnitedHealthcare Community Plan，電話號碼為 1-800-941-4647 聽障專線 TTY 711。

ប្រសិនបើព័ត៌មានដែលភ្ជាប់មកនេះមិនមែនជាភាសាដើមរបស់អ្នកទេ សូមទូរស័ព្ទមកកាន់ UnitedHealthcare Community Plan លេខ 1-800-941-4647, សម្រាប់អ្នកឆ្លង់ TTY 71111។

Kung ang nakalip na impomasyon ay wala sa iyong panguhanig wika, mangyaring tumawaga sa UnitedHealthcare Community Plan sa 1-800-941-4647 (TTY: 711).

در صورت اینکه اطلاعات پیوست به زبان اولیه شما نمیباشد، لطفا با United Healthcare Community Plan با شماره 1-800-941-4647 تماس حاصل نمایید وسیله ارطباتی برای نا شنوایان- TTY 711.