



# Health Talk



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**United  
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Community Plan

## Help us improve

We want to know about your experience with UnitedHealthcare Community Plan. You may be asked to complete a member survey by phone, mail or email. If you get a survey, please fill it out and let us know what you think. Your responses will be kept private.

## We care

We give our providers tools, so they can best care for our members.

These tools are called clinical practice guidelines. They inform providers about best practices to manage illnesses and promote wellness.

The guidelines cover care for a variety of illnesses and conditions like diabetes, high blood pressure and depression. They also give information on how to stay well with proper diet, exercise and recommended vaccines. To see the guidelines, visit [uhcprovider.com/cpg](http://uhcprovider.com/cpg).



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# Healthy routine

## Tips for a healthier day

Living a healthy life is not always easy. Big changes in your diet or activity can be difficult to stick to in the long term. Studies show that making small changes to your daily routine can help. Slowly adding healthy actions to your day makes it more likely you will keep doing them.

Looking for ideas? Here are 3 small steps you can take to make your daily routine healthier:

- 1. Take the long way.** Do you regularly use an elevator? Take the stairs instead. Or park in a far spot when you go to work or run errands. This extra exercise adds up.
- 2. Try a soda alternative.** Soda contains a lot of sugar. Studies suggest diet sodas can cause cravings. Sparkling water without artificial sweeteners can scratch the soda itch. Another tasty option is fruit-infused water.
- 3. Don't skip breakfast.** According to the Cleveland Clinic, a healthy breakfast helps fuel your body for the day, improves heart health, lowers diabetes risk and reduces brain fog. Oatmeal, a whole-grain breakfast wrap and cottage cheese with fruit or nuts are all healthy breakfast options. Make what works best with your busy schedule.



**Take care.** It's important to make time to take care of yourself. Visit [healthtalkselfcare.myuhc.com](https://healthtalkselfcare.myuhc.com) to

download a self-care BINGO card. Do a different self-care activity each day until you score BINGO.



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## Are you getting enough sleep?

There are many things you can do to try to live a healthier life. Getting enough sleep is one of them. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), lack of sleep is linked to some chronic conditions, including:

- Depression
- Heart disease
- Obesity
- Type 2 diabetes

If you have trouble falling asleep at night, here are 3 tips for getting a good night's rest:

- 1.** Go to bed and get up at the same time each day
- 2.** Be active during the day, so you feel tired at night
- 3.** Keep TVs, laptops, tablets and phones out of the bedroom

Learn more about good sleep habits at [cdc.gov/sleep](https://cdc.gov/sleep).

## By the numbers

- Kids ages 6 to 12 need 9 to 12 hours of sleep a night
- Teens ages 13 to 18 need 8 to 10 hours of sleep a night
- Adults need at least 7 hours of sleep a night

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## Protect your family's health

COVID-19 vaccines are an important step in protecting your family's health. We encourage you to talk to your provider about the right time to get your vaccine. You also should talk to your child's provider about when they should get their COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine has been proven to be safe and effective for most people ages 5 and older.

For people who received the COVID-19 vaccine already, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration have authorized booster shots. Booster shots help improve your immunity. They work to continue to prevent you from getting severe illness from COVID-19. Talk to your provider to see if you are eligible for a booster.

For the latest information on the COVID-19 vaccine, visit [uhcommunityplan.com/covid-19/vaccine](https://uhcommunityplan.com/covid-19/vaccine).



## 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 programs. 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. You can find more information about our programs and services at [myuhc.com/communityplan/healthwellness](https://myuhc.com/communityplan/healthwellness).

If you want to make a referral to our case management program, call Member Services toll-free at the phone number listed in the resource corner on page 6 of this newsletter.



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# Getting care

## Know who to see and where to go

Your primary care provider coordinates your health care. They should see you for all of your preventive care needs, such as well visits, immunizations and screenings. They should also care for you when you are sick. Your primary care provider can provide tools to help you lose weight, quit smoking or lead a healthier lifestyle.

You want to feel comfortable talking with your provider. You may want 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 may prefer a male or female provider.

If your provider isn't right for you, you may switch at any time. You can learn about plan providers. Information available includes:

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

If you need to see a provider right away, after-hours care is available at urgent care centers. Or ask your provider if they offer virtual visits.



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To find a new provider or look for urgent care center locations near you, visit [connect.werally.com/state-plan-selection/uhc.medicaid/state](https://connect.werally.com/state-plan-selection/uhc.medicaid/state). Or call Member Services toll-free at the phone number listed in the resource corner on page 6 of this newsletter.

## Did you know?

You can call NurseLine to get health advice from a nurse 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The phone number is listed in the resource corner on page 6 of this newsletter.

## 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 practice 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 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.



**Questions?** Call Member Services toll-free at the phone number listed in the resource corner on page 6 of this newsletter. TDD/TTY services and language assistance are available if you need them.



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# Take charge

## Prepare to see your provider

Preparing for your provider's 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 on a regular basis.** 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 discharge.** Share your discharge instructions with them. Proper follow-up may prevent another hospital admission or visit to the ER.

## By the book

Have you read your Member Handbook? It is a great source of information. It tells you how to use your health 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/benefitsandcvg](https://myuhc.com/communityplan/benefitsandcvg).

To request a copy of the handbook, call Member Services toll-free at the phone number listed in the resource corner on page 6 of this newsletter.



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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).

**1-866-270-5785, TTY 711**

**Our website:** Find a provider, view your benefits or see your member ID card, wherever you are.

**[myuhc.com/communityplan](https://myuhc.com/communityplan)**

**NurseLine:** Get health advice from a nurse 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (toll-free).

**1-866-270-5785, TTY 711**

**Kick It California:** Get help quitting smoking and vaping at no cost (toll free).

**1-800-300-8086, TTY 711**

**[kickitca.org](https://kickitca.org)**

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

**[liveandworkwell.com](https://liveandworkwell.com)**

**Health Education Materials Resource Library:** Access and download our latest health education materials on various and new wellness topics at

**[uhcommunityplan.com/ca](https://uhcommunityplan.com/ca). Materials are available upon request in large print, braille or other languages.**

**Transportation:** To obtain transportation for any health plan or Medi-Cal covered services, call us at least 3 business days before your appointment. Or call as soon as you can when you have an urgent appointment.

**1-866-270-5785, TTY 711**

**1-844-772-6623**

**Case Management:** Members with complex needs can receive phone calls, home visits, health education, referrals to community resources, appointment reminders, transportation assistance and more (toll-free).

**1-866-270-5785, TTY 711**

# Safe and secure

## How we use and protect language and cultural data

We receive information about you. This may include your race, ethnicity, language you speak, gender identity and sexual orientation. 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 in meeting your health care needs.

Examples of how we may use PHI to improve the services we provide include:

- Finding gaps in care
- Helping you in languages other than English
- Creating programs that meet your needs
- Telling 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 the 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)**. To get more information on our health equity program, visit **[unitedhealthgroup.com/what-we-do/health-equity.html](https://unitedhealthgroup.com/what-we-do/health-equity.html)**.





## Nondiscrimination notice

Discrimination is against the law. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan follows State and Federal civil rights laws. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan does not unlawfully discriminate, exclude people, or treat them differently because of sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, mental disability, physical disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan provides:

- Free aids and services to people with disabilities to help them communicate better, such as:
  - Qualified sign language interpreters
  - Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)
- Free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:
  - Qualified interpreters
  - Information written in other languages

If you need these services, contact UnitedHealthcare Community Plan between 7 a.m. –7 p.m. PST, Monday–Friday, except State holidays by calling **1-866-270-5785**. If you cannot hear or speak well, please call TTY **711**. Upon request, this document can be made available to you in braille, large print, audio cassette, or electronic form. To obtain a copy in one of these alternative formats, please call or write to:

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of California  
4365 Executive Drive, Suite 500  
San Diego, CA 92121  
**1-866-270-5785, TTY 711**

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## How to file a grievance

If you believe that UnitedHealthcare Community Plan has failed to provide these services or unlawfully discriminated in another way on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, mental disability, physical disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation, you can file a grievance with UnitedHealthcare Community Plan’s Civil Rights Coordinator. You can file a grievance by phone, in writing, in person, or electronically:

- **By phone:** Contact UnitedHealthcare Community Plan’s Civil Rights Coordinator between 7 a.m.–7 p.m. PST, Monday–Friday, except State holidays by calling **1-866-270-5785**. If you cannot hear or speak well, please call **711**.
- **Electronically:** Email: **[UHC\\_Civil\\_Rights@uhc.com](mailto:UHC_Civil_Rights@uhc.com)**

Send with all notices:

- **In writing:** Fill out a complaint form or write a letter and send it to:  
Civil Rights Coordinator  
UnitedHealthcare Civil Rights Grievance  
P.O. Box 30608  
Salt Lake City, UT 84130
- **In person:** Visit your doctor's office or UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of California at the address below and say you want to file a grievance.  
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of California  
4365 Executive Drive, Suite 500  
San Diego, CA 92121

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### Office of Civil Rights – California Department of Health Care Services

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the California Department of Health Care Services, Office of Civil Rights by phone, in writing, or electronically:

- **By phone:** Call **916-440-7370**.  
If you cannot speak or hear well, please call **711** (Telecommunications Relay Service).
- **Electronically:** Send an email to **CivilRights@dhcs.ca.gov**.
- **In writing:** Fill out a complaint form or send a letter to:  
Deputy Director, Office of Civil Rights  
Department of Health Care Services  
Office of Civil Rights  
P.O. Box 997413, MS 0009  
Sacramento, CA 95899-7413  
Complaint forms are available at: [http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/Language\\_Access.aspx](http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/Language_Access.aspx).

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### Office of Civil Rights – U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

If you believe you have been discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex, you can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights by phone, in writing, or electronically:

- **By phone:** Call **1-800-368-1019**.  
If you cannot speak or hear well, please call TTY/TDD **1-800-537-7697**.
- **Electronically:** Visit the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>.
- **In writing:** Fill out a complaint form or send a letter to:  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue SW  
Room 509F, HHH Building  
Washington, D.C. 20201  
Complaint forms are available at: <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.



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## English

ATTENTION: If you need help in your language call 1-866-270-5785 (TTY: 711). Aids and services for people with disabilities, like documents in braille and large print, are also available. Call 1-866-270-5785 (TTY: 711). These services are free of charge.

## الشعار بالعربية (Arabic)

يُرجى الانتباه: إذا احتجت إلى المساعدة بلغتك، فاتصل بـ 1-866-270-5785

(TTY: 711). تتوفر أيضًا المساعدات والخدمات للأشخاص ذوي الإعاقة، مثل المستندات المكتوبة بطريقة برايل والخط الكبير. اتصل بـ 1-866-270-5785

(TTY: 711). هذه الخدمات مجانية.

## Հայերեն պիտակ (Armenian)

ՈՒՇԱԴՐՈՒԹՅՈՒՆ: Եթե Ձեզ օգնություն է հարկավոր Ձեր լեզվով, զանգահարեք 1-866-270-5785 (TTY՝ 711): Կան նաև օժանդակ միջոցներ ու ծառայություններ հաշմանդամություն ունեցող անձանց համար, օրինակ՝ Բրայլի գրատիպով ու խոշորատառ տպագրված նյութեր: Չանգահարեք 1-866-270-5785 (TTY՝ 711): Այդ ծառայություններն անվճար են:

## 简体中文标语 (Chinese)

请注意：如果您需要以您的语言获得帮助，请致电 1-866-270-5785 (TTY: 711)。另外还提供针对残疾人士的帮助和服务，例如盲文和大字体文件。请致电 1-866-270-5785 (TTY: 711)。这些服务都是免费的。

## ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਟੈਗਲਾਈਨ (Punjabi)

ਧਿਆਨ ਦਿਓ: ਜੇ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਦਦ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ 1-866-270-5785 (TTY 711)

ਅਪਾਹਜ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਲਈ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਸੇਵਾਵਾਂ, ਜਿਵੇਂ ਕਿ ਬ੍ਰੇਲ ਅਤੇ ਮੋਟੀ ਛਪਾਈ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਦੀ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਹਨ। ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ 1-866-270-5785 (TTY 711)। ਇਹ ਸੇਵਾਵਾਂ ਮੁਫਤ ਹਨ।

## हिंदी टैगलाइन (Hindi)

ध्यान दें: अगर आपको अपनी भाषा में सहायता की आवश्यकता है तो 1-866-270-5785 (TTY: 711) पर कॉल करें। अशक्तता वाले लोगों के लिए सहायता और सेवाएं, जैसे ब्रेल और बड़े प्रिंट में भी दस्तावेज़ उपलब्ध हैं। 1-866-270-5785 (TTY: 711) पर कॉल करें। ये सेवाएं नि:शुल्क हैं।

**Nqe Lus Hmoob Cob (Hmong)**

CEEB TOOM: Yog koj xav tau kev pab txhais koj hom lus hu rau 1-866-270-5785 (TTY 711). Muaj cov kev pab txhawb thiab kev pab cuam rau cov neeg xiam oob qhab, xws li puav leej muaj ua cov ntauv su thiab luam tawm ua tus ntauv loj. Hu rau 1-866-270-5785 (TTY 711). Cov kev pab cuam no yog pab dawb xwb.

**日本語表記 (Japanese)**

注意：日本語での対応が必要な場合は 1-866-270-5785 (TTY 711)へお電話ください。点字の資料や文字の拡大表示など、障がいをお持ちの方のためのサービスも用意しています。1-866-270-5785 (TTY 711)へお電話ください。これらのサービスは無料で提供しています。

**한국어 태그라인 (Korean)**

유의사항: 귀하의 언어로 도움을 받고 싶으시면 1-866-270-5785 (TTY 711)번으로 문의하십시오. 점자나 큰 활자로 된 문서와 같이 장애가 있는 분들을 위한 도움과 서비스도 이용 가능합니다. 1-866-270-5785 (TTY 711)번으로 문의하십시오. 이러한 서비스는 무료로 제공됩니다.

**ແທກວາຍພາສາລາວ (Laotian)**

ປະກາດ: ຖ້າທ່ານຕ້ອງການຄວາມຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອໃນພາສາຂອງທ່ານໃຫ້ໂທຫາເບີ 1-866-270-5785 (TTY: 711). ພ້ອມຄວາມຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອແລະການບໍລິການສໍາລັບຄົນພິການ ເຊັ່ນ ເອກະສານທີ່ເປັນອັກສອນ ຫຼື ພິມໃຫຍ່ ໃຫ້ໂທຫາເບີ 1-866-270-5785 (TTY: 711). ການບໍລິການເຫຼົ່ານີ້ບໍ່ຕ້ອງເສຍຄ່າໃຊ້ຈ່າຍໃດໆ.

**Mien Tagline (Mien)**

LONGC HNYOUV JANGX LONGX OC: Beiv taux meih qiex longc mienh tengx faan benx meih nyei waac nor douc waac daaih lorx taux 1-866-270-5785 (TTY 711). Liouh lorx jauv-louc tengx aengx caux nzie gong bun taux ninh mbuo wuaaic fangx mienh, beiv taux longc benx nzangc-pokc bun hlou mbiutc aengx caux aamz mborqv benx domh sou se mbenc nzoih bun longc. Douc waac daaih lorx 1-866-270-5785 (TTY 711). Naaiv deix nzie weih gong-bou jauv-louc se benx wang-henh tengx mv zuqc cuotv nyaanh oc.

**ប្រជាភាសាខ្មែរ (Cambodian)**

ចំណាំ: បើអ្នកត្រូវការជំនួយជាភាសារបស់អ្នក សូមទូរស័ព្ទទៅលេខ 1-866-270-5785 (TTY 711)។ ជំនួយ និងសេវាកម្មសម្រាប់ជនពិការ ដូចជាឯកសារជាអក្សរធំសម្រាប់ជនពិការភ្នែក ឬឯកសារជាអក្សរពុម្ពធំក៏អាចរកបានផងដែរ។ ទូរស័ព្ទមកលេខ 1-866-270-5785 (TTY 711)។ សេវាកម្មទាំងនេះមិនគិតថ្លៃឡើយ។

## مطلب به زبان فارسی (Farsi)

توجه: اگر می‌خواهید به زبان خود کمک دریافت کنید، با (TTY 711) 1-866-270-5785 تماس بگیرید. کمک‌ها و خدمات مخصوص افراد دارای معلولیت، مانند نسخه‌های خط بریل و چاپ با حروف بزرگ، نیز موجود است. با 1-866-270-5785 (TTY 711) تماس بگیرید. این خدمات رایگان ارائه می‌شوند.

## Русский слоган (Russian)

ВНИМАНИЕ! Если вам нужна помощь на вашем родном языке, звоните по номеру 1-866-270-5785 (линия ТТУ: 711). Также предоставляются средства и услуги для людей с ограниченными возможностями, например документы крупным шрифтом или шрифтом Брайля. Звоните по номеру 1-866-270-5785 (линия ТТУ: 711). Такие услуги предоставляются бесплатно.

## Mensaje en español (Spanish)

ATENCIÓN: si necesita ayuda en su idioma, llame al 1-866-270-5785 (TTY 711). También ofrecemos asistencia y servicios para personas con discapacidades, como documentos en braille y con letras grandes. Llame al 1-866-270-5785 (TTY 711). Estos servicios son gratuitos.

## Tagalog Tagline (Tagalog)

ATENSIYON: Kung kailangan mo ng tulong sa iyong wika, tumawag sa 1-866-270-5785 (TTY: 711). Mayroon ding mga tulong at serbisyo para sa mga taong may kapansanan, tulad ng mga dokumento sa braille at malaking print. Tumawag sa 1-866-270-5785 (TTY: 711). Libre ang mga serbisyong ito.

## แท็กไลน์ภาษาไทย (Thai)

โปรดทราบ: หากคุณต้องการความช่วยเหลือเป็นภาษาของคุณ กรุณาโทรศัพท์ไปที่หมายเลข 1-866-270-5785 (TTY: 711) นอกจากนี้ ยังพร้อมให้ความช่วยเหลือและบริการต่าง ๆ สำหรับบุคคลที่มีความพิการ เช่น เอกสารต่าง ๆ ที่เป็นอักษรเบรลล์และเอกสารที่พิมพ์ด้วยตัวอักษรขนาดใหญ่ กรุณาโทรศัพท์ไปที่หมายเลข 1-866-270-5785 (TTY: 711) ไม่มีค่าใช้จ่ายสำหรับบริการเหล่านี้

## Примітка українською (Ukrainian)

УВАГА! Якщо вам потрібна допомога вашою рідною мовою, телефонуйте на номер 1-866-270-5785 (TTY: 711). Люди з обмеженими можливостями також можуть скористатися допоміжними засобами та послугами, наприклад, отримати документи, надруковані шрифтом Брайля та великим шрифтом. Телефонуйте на номер 1-866-270-5785 (TTY: 711). Ці послуги безкоштовні.

## Khẩu hiệu tiếng Việt (Vietnamese)

CHÚ Ý: Nếu quý vị cần trợ giúp bằng ngôn ngữ của mình, vui lòng gọi số 1-866-270-5785 (TTY: 711). Chúng tôi cũng hỗ trợ và cung cấp các dịch vụ dành cho người khuyết tật, như tài liệu bằng chữ nổi Braille và chữ khổ lớn (chữ hoa). Vui lòng gọi số 1-866-270-5785 (TTY: 711). Các dịch vụ này đều miễn phí.