



Health Talk



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Protect your health

For the latest information on the COVID-19 vaccine, visit uhccommunityplan.com/covid-19/vaccine.

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.



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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
- Obesity
- Heart disease
- 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://www.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

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://www.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://www.unitedhealthgroup.com/what-we-do/health-equity.html).



Know your drug benefits

Visit myuhc.com/communityplan/pharmaciesandrx to learn about your prescription drug benefits. It includes information on:

- 1. Which 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Rules that may apply.** Some drugs may only be covered in certain cases. For example, you may need to try a different drug first. (This is called step therapy.) Or you may 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.
- 4. Any costs to you.** You may have copayments for prescriptions.



Look it up. Find information about your drug benefits at myuhc.com/communityplan/pharmaciesandrx. Or call Member Services toll-free at the phone number listed in the resource corner on page 6 of this newsletter.



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.

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.

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. 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.

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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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.



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Resource corner

UnitedHealthcare Resources

Member Services

1-866-600-4985, TTY 711

Find a provider, ask benefit questions or get help scheduling an appointment, in any language (toll-free).

NurseLine

1-866-600-4985, TTY 711

NurseLine is available toll-free, 24 hours, every day. You'll reach a nurse who can help you with health problems.

Healthy First Steps®

1-800-599-5985, TTY 711

uhhealthyfirststeps.com

Get support throughout your pregnancy (toll-free).

TennCare Resources

DentaQuest

1-855-418-1622

dentaquest.com

DentaQuest provides dental care for members under age 21.

Civil Rights Compliance

tn.gov/tenncare/members-applicants/civil-rights-compliance.html

Report potential discrimination.

TennCare

1-800-342-3145,

TTY 1-877-779-3103

Learn more about TennCare.

TennCare Advocacy Program

1-800-758-1638,

TTY 1-877-779-3103

Free advocacy for TennCare members to help you understand your plan and get treatment.

TennCare Connect

1-855-259-0701

Get help with TennCare or report changes.

Tennessee Statewide

24/7 Crisis Line

1-855-CRISIS-1

(1-855-274-7471)

Get immediate help for behavioral health emergencies.

Do you need free help with this letter?

If you speak a language other than English, help in your language is available for free. This page tells you how to help in a language other than English. It also tells you about other help that's available.

Spanish: Español

ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1-866-600-4985, TTY: 711.

Kurdish: كوردی

گاداری: ئەگەر بە زمانی کوردی قسه دهکەیت، خزمەتگوزاریهکانی یارمەتی زمان، بەخۆراییی بۆ تو بەر دەستە. پەیوەندی بکە بە 1-866-600-4985 (TTY 711).

Arabic: العربية

ملحوظة: إذا كنت تتحدث اذکر اللغة، فإن خدمات المساعدة اللغوية تتوافر لك بالمجان. اتصل برقم 1-866-600-4985 الهاتف النصي 711.

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1-866-600-4985, TTY: 711

Vietnamese: Tiếng Việt

CHÚ Ý: Nếu bạn nói Tiếng Việt, có các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí dành cho bạn. Gọi số 1-866-600-4985, TTY: 711.

Korean: 한국어

주의: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. 1-866-600-4985, TTY: 711번으로 전화해 주십시오

French: Français

ATTENTION : Si vous parlez français, des services d'aide linguistique vous sont proposés gratuitement. Appelez le 1-866-600-4985 (TTY 711).

Amharic: አማርኛ

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Gujarati: ગુજરાતી

ધ્યાન આપશો: જો તમે અંગ્રેજી ના બોલતા છો તો, ભાષા સહાયતા સેવાઓ, મફતમાં, તમને ઉપલબ્ધ રહે છે. કૉલ કરો 1-866-600-4985 નંબર પર, TTY: 711.

Laotian: ພາສາລາວ

ໂປດຊາບ: ຖ້າວ່າ ທ່ານເວົ້າພາສາ ລາວ, ການບໍລິການຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອດ້ານພາສາ, ໂດຍບໍ່ເສັຽຄ່າ, ແມ່ນມີພ້ອມໃຫ້ ທ່ານ. ໂທ 1-866-600-4985, TTY: 711

German: Deutsch

ACHTUNG: Wenn Sie Deutsch sprechen, stehen Ihnen kostenlos sprachliche Hilfedienstleistungen zur Verfügung. Rufnummer: 1-866-600-4985, TTY: 711.

Tagalog: Tagalog

PAUNAWA: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, maaari kang gumamit ng mga serbisyo ng tulong sa wika nang walang bayad. Tumawag sa 1-866-600-4985, TTY: 711.

Hindi: हिंदी

ध्यान दें: यदि आप हिंदी बोलते हैं तो आपके लिए मुफ्त में भाषा सहायता सेवाएं उपलब्ध हैं। 1-866-600-4985, TTY: 711 पर कॉल करें।

Serbo-Croatian: Srpsko-hrvatski

OBAVJEŠTENJE: Ako govorite srpsko-hrvatski, usluge jezičke pomoći dostupne su vam besplatno. Nazovite 1-866-600-4985, TTY: 711.

Russian:	Русский ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите на русском языке, то вам доступны бесплатные услуги перевода. Звоните 1-866-600-4985, ТТУ: 711
Nepali:	नेपाली ध्यान दिनुहोस्: तपाईं नेपाली भाषा बोलुहुन्छ भने तपाईंको निम्ति भाषा सहायता सेवाहरू निःशुल्क उपलब्ध छैन। 1-866-600-4985 (TTY 711) मा फोन गर्नुहोस्।
Persian:	توجه: اگر به زبان فارسی گفتگو می‌کنید، تسهیلات زبانی بصورت رایگان برای شما فراهم می‌باشد. با 1-866-600-4985 تماس بگیرید، TTY: 711

- Do you need help talking with us or reading what we send you?
- Do you have a disability and need help getting care or taking part in one of our programs or services?
- Or do you have more questions about your health care?

Call us for free at **1-866-600-4985**. We can connect you with the free help or service you need (for TTY call: **711**).

We obey federal and state civil rights laws. We do not treat people in a different way because of their race, color, birth place, language, age, disability, religion, or sex. Do you think we did not help you or you were treated differently because of your race, color, birth place, language, age, disability, religion, or sex? You can file a complaint by mail, by email, or by phone.

Here are three places where you can file a complaint:

<p>TennCare Office of Civil Rights Compliance</p> <p>310 Great Circle Road, 3W Nashville, Tennessee 37243</p> <p>Email: HCFA.Fairtreatment@tn.gov</p> <p>Phone: 855-857-1673 TRS: 711</p> <p>You can get a complaint form online at: https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tenncare/documents/complaint_form.pdf</p>	<p>UnitedHealthcare Community Plan</p> <p>Attn: Appeals and Grievances P.O. Box 5220 Kingston, NY 12402-5220</p> <p>Phone: 1-866-600-4985 TTY: 711</p> <p>You can get a complaint form online at: http://www.tn.gov/hcfa/article/civil-rights-compliance</p>	<p>U.S. Department of Health & Human Services</p> <p>Office for Civil Rights 200 Independence Ave SW Rm 509F, HHH Bldg Washington, DC 20201</p> <p>Phone: 800-368-1019 TDD: 800-537-7697</p> <p>You can get a complaint form online at: http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html</p> <p>Or you can file a complaint online at: https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf</p>
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