



Health Talk

Your journey to better health



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United
Healthcare
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 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. 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/rel-collection-and-use. For more information on our health equity program, visit unitedhealthgroup.com/what-we-do/health-equity.html.

Plan Benefits

Caring for you

We want to make sure you get the care you need when you need it. If you need to see a provider right away, you should call your primary care provider (PCP), even after hours. You can get advice and direction from your PCP 24 hours a day. Your PCP will either see you or direct you to care. 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.



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

Prescriptions

Your drug benefits

What you need to know

Visit our website to learn about your prescription drug benefits. It includes information on:

- 1. 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.
- 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 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 also might be limits to the amount you can get of certain drugs.
- 4. Any costs to you.** You may have copayments for prescriptions.



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Look it up. Find information on your drug benefits at myuhc.com/communityplan/pharmaciesandrx.

Or call Member Services toll-free at the phone number on Page 6.



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.

Take Care: Preventive care to keep you healthy

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.

Health Tools

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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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).

Medicaid/CHP: 1-800-493-4647, TTY 711

Wellness4Me: 1-866-433-3413, TTY 711

Essential Plan: 1-866-265-1893, 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

New York State Smokers' Quitline: Get help quitting smoking at no cost to you (toll-free).

1-866-NY-QUITS (1-866-697-8487)

nysmokefree.com

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 and more (toll-free).

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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, get an Android smartphone at no cost to you.

assurancewireless.com/partner/buhc

Healthy First Steps®: Get support throughout your pregnancy and rewards for timely prenatal and well-baby care (toll-free).

1-800-599-5985, TTY 711

uhchealthyfirststeps.com

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

myuhc.com/communityplan/preference



NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan complies with Federal civil rights laws. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan provides the following:

- Free aids and services to people with disabilities to help you communicate with us, 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 first language is not English, such as:
 - Qualified interpreters
 - Information written in other languages

If you need these services, please call the toll-free member phone number listed on your member ID card.

If you believe that UnitedHealthcare Community Plan has not given you these services or treated you differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a grievance with Civil Rights Coordinator by:

Mail: Civil Rights Coordinator
UnitedHealthcare Civil Rights Grievance
P.O. Box 30608
Salt Lake City, UTAH 84130

Email: **UHC_Civil_Rights@uhc.com**

Phone: **1-800-493-4647, TTY 711**

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights by:

Web: Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal at
<https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>

Mail: U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue SW, Room 509F, HHH Building
Washington, D.C. 20201

Phone: Toll-free 1-800-368-1019, 1-800-537-7697 (TDD)

We provide free services to help you communicate with us. Such as, letters in other languages or large print. Or, you can ask for an interpreter. To ask for help, please call Member Services at **1-800-493-4647, TTY 711, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., Monday – Friday.**

LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE

ATTENTION: Language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. English
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ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1-800-493-4647 TTY 711.	Spanish/Español
注意：您可以免費獲得語言援助服務。請致電 1-800-493-4647 TTY 711。	Chinese/中文
ملحوظة: إذا كنت تتحدث اللغة العربية، فإن خدمات المساعدة اللغوية تتوافر لك بالمجان. اتصل برقم 1-800-493-4647 رقم هاتف الصم والبكم TTY 711	Arabic/اللغة العربية
주의: 무료 언어 지원 서비스를 이용하실 수 있습니다. 1-800-493-4647 TTY 711로 전화하시기 바랍니다.	Korean/한국어
ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите на русском языке, то вам доступны бесплатные услуги перевода. Звоните 1-800-493-4647 (телетайп: TTY 711).	Russian/Русский
ATTENZIONE: Nel caso in cui la lingua parlata sia l'italiano, sono disponibili servizi di assistenza linguistica gratuiti. Chiamare il 1-800-493-4647 TTY 711.	Italian/Italiano
ATTENTION : Si vous parlez français, des services d'aide linguistique vous sont proposés gratuitement. Appelez le 1-800-493-4647 TTY 711.	French/Français
ATANSYON: Si w pale Kreyòl Ayisyen, gen sèvis èd pou lang ki disponib gratis pou ou. Rele 1-800-493-4647 TTY 711.	French Creole/ Kreyòl ki soti nan Fransè
אכטונג: אויב איר רעדט אידיש, זענען פאראן פאר איך שפראך הילף סערוויסעס פריי פון אפצאל. רופט 1-800-493-4647 TTY 711	Yiddish/אידיש
UWAGA: Jeżeli mówisz po polsku, możesz skorzystać z bezpłatnej pomocy językowej. Zadzwoń pod numer 1-800-493-4647.	Polish/Polski
PAUNAWA: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, maaari kang gumamit ng mga serbisyong pantulong sa wika nang walang bayad. Tumawag sa 1-800-493-4647 TTY 711	Tagalog
দৃষ্টি আকর্ষণ: যদি আপনার ভাষা “Bengali বাংলা” হয় তাহলে আপনি বিনামূল্যে ভাষা সহায়তা পাবেন। 1-800-493-4647 TTY 711 নম্বরে ফোন করুন।	Bengali/বাংলা
KUJDES: Ju vendosen në dispozicion shërbime të asistencës gjuhësore, pa pagesë. Telefononi në 1-800-493-4647	Albanian/Shqip
Προσοχή: Στη διάθεσή σας βρίσκονται υπηρεσίες γλωσσικής υποστήριξης, οι οποίες παρέχονται δωρεάν. Καλέστε «1-800-493-4647» TTY 711.	Greek/ Ελληνικά
توجه دیں: اگر آپ اردو بولتے ہیں، تو آپ کے لیے زبان سے متعلق مدد کی خدمات مفت دستیاب ہیں۔ کال کریں 1-800-493-4647 TTY 711	Urdu/اردو