



# Health Talk

Your journey to better health



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## What's inside

When you are sick or hurt, do you know where to go? See Page 3 to learn the best place to get the care you need.



Preventive care

## Healthy start

### See your provider for an annual wellness visit

Get off to a healthy start this year by scheduling an appointment with your primary care provider. All members of your family should see their provider once a year for an annual wellness visit.

This visit is a covered benefit under your health plan. During the visit, you will get any screenings or vaccines you may need. This winter, be sure to ask your provider about getting the COVID-19 vaccine and flu shot.



**Need a new provider?** We can help you find one. Call Member Services toll-free at the phone number on Page 4.

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## Preventive care

# Your partner in care

Your primary care provider (PCP) coordinates your health care. They should see you for all your preventive care needs, such as well visits, immunizations and screenings. They should also care for you when you are sick.

It is very important that the PCP listed on your member ID card is the person you want to help guide your health care needs. If your provider isn't right for you, you may switch at any time.

There are many ways to change your PCP. They include:

- Calling Member Services at the phone number on Page 4.
- Visiting [myuhc.com/communityplan](https://myuhc.com/communityplan).
- Using the UnitedHealthcare® app.
- Visiting one of our 15 storefronts for in-person assistance. Locations are listed on our member website at [myuhc.com](https://myuhc.com).

If you want to select a different provider for your care, please use one of these options to update your PCP today.



## Mental health

# Are you SAD?

## Tips for beating seasonal depression

Seasonal affective disorder (SAD) is a form of depression. It occurs during the cold, dark months of winter. Symptoms include sadness, being in a bad mood, oversleeping and weight gain. If you think you have SAD, try these self-care tips:

- **Exercise.** Physical activity has been known to help people feel better and relieve stress. Taking a walk, doing yoga or swimming in an indoor pool can all get your body moving.
- **Spend time outdoors.** Even though the sky may be cloudy during winter, outdoor light can help you feel better. Bundle up and take a walk during your lunch break. If you are stuck indoors, sit close to windows.
- **Take vitamins.** SAD has been linked to not having enough vitamin D. Talk to your provider about taking vitamin D or other supplements.

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## Illness or injury

# Know where to go

When you are sick or hurt, you may not want to wait to see a health care provider. Choosing the right place to go will help you get the treatment you need faster.

### When can your primary care provider take care of you?

For most illnesses and injuries, your primary care provider's office should be the first place you call. They may be able to give you advice for at-home care. They may also be able to call in a prescription to your pharmacy.

### When should you go to urgent care?

If you cannot get in to see your provider, you could go to an urgent care center. Urgent care centers take walk-in patients for minor illnesses and injuries.

### When should you go to a hospital emergency room?

Emergency rooms are for major medical emergencies only.



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## Cancer screenings

# Crush cancer

## Screenings to find cancer early

Getting screened for cancer is very important if you are at risk. Finding cancer early makes it easier to treat. Ask your provider about these screenings during your next visit.

### Colorectal cancer screening

Colorectal cancer screening is recommended for adults ages 45 to 75. Talk to your provider about the best screening option for you.

### Cervical cancer screening

Women between the ages of 21 and 29 should get a Pap smear every 3 years. Then get Pap and HPV tests every 5 years between the ages of 30 and 65. Testing can end at age 65 for women with a history of normal Pap results.

### Prostate cancer screening

Men who are between the ages of 55 and 69 should make an individual decision about being screened. If you are in this age group, talk to your provider about screening.

### Lung cancer screening

Adults who are between the ages of 55 and 80 should ask their provider about a lung cancer screening if they have a history of heavy smoking and currently smoke (or quit within the last 15 years).



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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**

**myuhc.com:** 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™**

**Care Management:** This program is for members with chronic conditions and complex needs. You can receive phone calls, home visits, health education, referrals to community resources, appointment reminders and more (toll-free).

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**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**

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** Help is available through phone or online chat 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**988**

**988lifeline.org/chat**

**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**

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

**myuhc.com/communityplan/preference**



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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
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