



HealthTalk

Your journey to better health



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It's time for your annual flu shot. Find out where to get one by using our flu shot location finder. Learn more on page 2.

Medicaid renewal

Don't lose coverage

Medicaid members need to renew their coverage every year. This process is called "redetermination." Your state will reach out and tell you when it is time to renew.

Make sure the state can reach you. Be sure they have your current address, email, and phone number.

It is important to respond when the state contacts you. If you don't, you risk losing your health plan.



We're here to help

Learn more at

[uhc.com/staycovered](https://www.uhc.com/staycovered).

Fight the flu

It's time for your annual flu shot

It is important to get a flu shot every year. It is recommended for everyone 6 months and older. Here are 3 reasons why:

1. It protects you from getting sick with the flu.
2. If you do get the flu, your symptoms will be less severe.
3. It also protects your family from getting the flu. When everyone gets the flu shot, it makes it harder for the flu to spread.



Get your flu shot today. There is no cost to you. Use our online tool that makes it easy to schedule one. Visit myuhc.com/findflushot.

Your member handbook is updated annually. Find it on myuhc.com/communityplan.

It includes our Notice of Privacy Practices and Notice of Non-discrimination. They may also be found online at uhc.com/privacy and uhc.com/legal.



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 four 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. Mention any medications or treatment they have prescribed for you and any tests you have had.
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.



Schedule your annual well visit now.

Screening for breast cancer

Breast cancer screening means checking a woman's breasts for cancer before there are signs of the disease, like lumps. Breast cancer screening cannot prevent breast cancer, but it can help find it early, when it is easier to treat. Screening is recommended for women between the ages of 40-74.¹ Talk to your primary care provider about which breast cancer screening tests are right for you, and when you should have them.

Quitting is worth it

Most people know smoking is dangerous. But did you know that cigarette smoking causes nearly 1 in 5 deaths each year in the U.S.?²

The good news is quitting smoking improves health, lowers the risk of 12 types of cancer and can add as much as 10 years to your life.³

Even though quitting is hard, you can get tools and support to help you do it.

Tips to help you quit:

- Make a list of reasons to quit
- Pick a quit date and tell all your friends and family
- Get rid of your cigarettes and lighters
- Ask people not to smoke around you
- Use nicotine replacements like patches or gum

Supporting your plan to quit. Chat with an advocate through myuhc.com/communityplan or the **UHC mobile app**. Or call National Quit Connect toll-free at **1-800-784-8669**.



Controlling your blood pressure

Blood pressure is how hard your blood pushes against your artery walls. It goes up and down throughout the day. But if it often stays at 130/80 or higher, that could mean you have high blood pressure, also called hypertension.

That's something to take seriously—because it can lead to problems like heart attacks, strokes, kidney issues, and even vision loss. It's important to know your blood pressure numbers and have regular visits with your primary care provider (PCP). Together you can make a plan to keep your blood pressure in check.

¹cdc.gov/breast-cancer/screening/

²cdc.gov/tobacco/about

³cdc.gov/tobacco/about/benefits-of-quitting

We're here to help

Access your plan 24/7

Find the information and support you need when and where you need it.

UnitedHealthcare App:

Download on the App Store® or Google Play™

Our member website:

myuhc.com/communityplan

Member Services:

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

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

Essential Plan: **1-866-265-1893**, TTY **711**

UHC Dual Complete NY-Y001:

1-866-547-0772, TTY **711**

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).

New York State Smokers' Quitline:

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

nysmokefree.com

Get help quitting smoking at no cost to you.

Transportation: 1-844-666-6270

Medicaid and Wellness4Me members who need transportation can call Medical Answering Services (MAS).

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 988

988lifeline.org/chat

Help is available through phone or online chat 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Live and Work Well: liveandworkwell.com

Find articles, self-care tools, caring providers, and mental health and substance use resources.

Assurance Wireless:

assurancewireless.com/buhc

Get 4.5GB of high-speed data, 3000 talk minutes and unlimited texts each month. Plus, the option to purchase a phone for \$20.

Healthy First Steps®:

1-800-599-5985, TTY **711**

uhhealthyfirststeps.com

Get support throughout your pregnancy and rewards for timely prenatal and well-baby care (toll-free).

Go Digital:

myuhc.com/communityplan/preference

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

Community Resources:

uhc.care/HTCommResources

UnitedHealthcare Community Resources has programs that can provide help with food, housing, paying utilities, and more, at reduced or no cost to you. Search to find help in your area.

Expressable: expressable.com/united

Partner with a licensed speech therapist for 1-on-1 virtual sessions from the comfort of home - with weekly practice activities, education, and support to reach your goals faster.

HIV Testing: health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/consumers/testing/index.htm

Get information on HIV and HIV counseling, testing, referral and partner notification (CTRPN) services. This includes perinatal HIV prevention and newborn screening.

AIDS Institute: health.ny.gov/diseases/aids

Get helpful information about programs, initiatives and services.



LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE

ATTENTION: Language assistance services and other aids, free of charge, are available to you. Call 1-800-493-4647, TTY 711.	English
ATENCIÓN: Dispone de servicios de asistencia lingüística y otras ayudas, gratis. Llame al 1-800-493-4647, TTY 711.	Spanish
请注意：您可以免费获得语言协助服务和其他辅助服务。请致电 1-800-493-4647, TTY 711。	Chinese
1-800-493-4647, ملاحظة: خدمات المساعدة اللغوية والمساعدات الأخرى المجانية متاحة لك. اتصل بالرقم .TTY 711	Arabic
주의: 언어 지원 서비스 및 기타 지원을 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. 1-800-493-4647, TTY 711 번으로 연락해 주십시오.	Korean
ВНИМАНИЕ! Вам доступны бесплатные услуги переводчика и другие виды помощи. Звоните по номеру 1-800-493-4647, TTY 711.	Russian
ATTENZIONE: Sono disponibili servizi di assistenza linguistica e altri ausili gratuiti. Chiamare il 1-800-493-4647, TTY 711.	Italian
ATTENTION : Des services d'assistance linguistique et d'autres ressources d'aide vous sont offerts gratuitement. Composez le 1-800-493-4647, TTY 711.	French
ATANSYON: Gen sèvis pou bay asistans nan lang ak lòt èd ki disponib gratis pou ou. Rele 1-800-493-4647, TTY 711.	French Creole
אכטונג: שפראך הילף סערוויסעס און אנדערע הילף, זענען אוועילעבל פאר אייך אומזיסט. 1-800-493-4647, TTY 711 .	Yiddish
UWAGA: Dostępne są bezpłatne usługi językowe oraz inne formy pomocy. Zadzwoń: 1-800-493-4647, TTY 711.	Polish
ATENSYON: Available ang mga serbisyong tulong sa wika at iba pang tulong nang libre. Tumawag sa 1-800-493-4647, TTY 711.	Tagalog
মনোযোগ নামূল্যে ভাষা সহায়তা পরিষেবা এবং অন্যান্য সাহায্য আপনার জন্য উপলব্ধ। 1-800-493-4647, TTY 711 -এ ফোন করুন।	Bengali
VINI RE: Për ju disponohen shërbime asistence gjuhësore dhe ndihma të tjera falas. Telefononi 1-800-493-4647, TTY 711.	Albanian
ΠΡΟΣΟΧΗ: Υπηρεσίες γλωσσικής βοήθειας και άλλα βοηθήματα είναι στη διάθεσή σας, δωρεάν. Καλέστε στο 1-800-493-4647, TTY 711.	Greek
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