



# Health care costs, made simpler

Paying for health care can feel confusing. Employees may get multiple statements for a given provider visit and wonder, "What do I actually owe?"

UnitedHealthcare is working alongside employers to make paying for health care simpler for every employee and member. Every day.

To learn more, contact your broker, consultant or UnitedHealthcare representative

### United Healthcare

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## Member experience designed with simplicity in mind

Employees want more visibility into costs prior to receiving care—and better support when it's time to pay for care.



## **Cost clarity**

Upfront pricing information may help members better understand care costs



of Americans are aware of what their care will cost in advance<sup>1</sup>



#### **Upfront pricing**

With health plans like Surest\* from UnitedHealthcare, members can compare costs before even making an appointment:

**154**%

lower out-of-pocket costs for Surest members<sup>2</sup> **\$400**+

lower claim costs per member per year<sup>3</sup>



#### Simpler navigation

Digital tools, like the **UnitedHealthcare® app** and **myuhc.com®** help members make more informed, cost-conscious health decisions:

49%

of members who used cost estimator tools via the UnitedHealthcare app or myuhc.com received services at below-average costs<sup>4</sup>



## **Broader coverage**

Saving opportunities embedded into health plans to help offset employee health care costs



of Americans reported living paycheck to paycheck<sup>5</sup>



#### Care at \$0 cost

Some health plan designs eliminate out-of-pocket costs for certain health services, with \$0 copays for:

- Network virtual visits for primary and urgent care
- 5 vital drugs through the UnitedHealthcare Vital Medication Program: albuterol, epinephrine, glucagon, insulin and naloxone



#### **Financial benefits**

Tools to remove some of the financial stress when paying for care:

- Care Cash® is a preloaded debit card to use for certain health care expenses
- UnitedHealthcare Rewards incents employees for reaching goals and completing healthy activities that can be used toward health care expenses



## **Financial assistance**

Paying for care may be easier with strategies built to help employees navigate the billing process



of Americans are unable to cover a \$1,000 expense from their savings<sup>6</sup>



#### **Support for emergencies**

Financial assistance when health emergencies arise:

- Supplemental health plans provide additional financial security for covered events, such as accidents, critical illness and hospital stays
- UnitedHealthcare Benefit Ally® bundles coverage and provides employees with automatic cash payments for eligible medical events
- Naviguard® helps members negotiate out-ofnetwork or surprise bills, leading to:

1\$2.2K

average per-bill reduction<sup>7</sup>

**\$8**B

in total employer value<sup>8</sup>



#### More ways to pay for care

Members can pay claims directly through the **UnitedHealthcare app** and **myuhc.com**, using a credit or debit card, ACH or health savings account (HSA)

<sup>1</sup>Few Americans Know How Much Their Healthcare Costs. Gallup, Jan. 31, 2024. Available: https://news.gallup.com/poll/609434/few-americans-know-healthcare-costs.aspx.

<sup>2</sup>Surest self-funded 2022 book of business plan sponsors with at least 12 months of incurred experience in 2022 and both medical and pharmacy data within our warehouse; compared to matched comparison groups from a nationally representative commercially insured database matched by gender, age, urbanicity, and zip3 code using exact matching. 141\_V03.

<sup>3</sup> Aon's actuarial analysis compared a cohort of Surest members (derived from Surest's 2021 and 2022 self-funded and fully insured book of business with complete medical and pharmacy data, plus three months of run-out, and who were not excluded by certain normalizing eligibility and experience restrictions) against a control group (derived from a multi-employer database with matching demographics, diagnoses, and health comorbidities for the same time period), and utilized Aon's member-level Cost Efficiency Measurement (CEM) methods. Claim reduction figures apply to the 2022 plan year.

<sup>4</sup>UnitedHealthcare internal analytics, Sept. 2023.

<sup>5</sup>Survey: Almost 50% of Americans Consider Themselves 'Broke'. MarketWatch, May 23, 2024. Available: https://www.marketwatch.com/guides/banking/americans-broke-study/.

<sup>6</sup>Gillespie, L. Bankrate's 2024 annual emergency savings report. Bankrate, Feb. 22, 2024. Available: https://www.bankrate.com/banking/savings/emergency-savings-report/.

<sup>7</sup>Naviguard data from Jan. 2021–2023. and calculated off the sum of all negotiated cases' total bill (total paid to provider).

<sup>8</sup> For all claims that have been processed by Naviguard participating health plans, calculated by subtracting total provider billed amount by amount paid to providers.

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