



HealthTALK

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Did you know?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, only about half of U.S. adults meet the physical activity guidelines for aerobic exercise. A variety of fun activities like walking, dancing, swimming and more can help you get moving this summer.



Stay cool.

How to cope with the heat.

Hot summer weather can be uncomfortable. Certain conditions or medications can cause the body to react differently to heat. Extreme heat can bring about heat stroke or other heat-related illness.

There are steps you can take to prevent heat-related illnesses:

- Stay inside in air-conditioned buildings as much as possible.
- Drink lots of water. Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink.
- Dress in lightweight, loose and light-colored clothing.
- Don't engage in difficult activities. Get plenty of rest.

Signs of a heat-related illness include muscle cramps, vomiting or headaches. If you experience these symptoms, seek treatment right away.



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Help is here.

Get treatment for alcohol and drug problems.

Getting treatment for substance use can help you have a better life. Help for you or someone you love can start by talking with a doctor, nurse or counselor. Here's how to start your recovery:



- **Get help right away.**
- **Take an active role.** Keep your appointments. Ask questions.
- **Find the right program.** Different kinds of help are available. Make sure the program feels right for you.
- **Get help from your family and friends.** Don't try to get better by yourself. Having people you can turn to for support and advice can help.
- **Add a support group.** Talking with others who have "been there" is very helpful. There are many types of online and in-person groups.

 **Learn more.** Visit LiveAndWorkWell.com for more information about how to get treatment for substance use disorders and mental illness.


Controlling asthma.

Older adults might have more trouble controlling their asthma. Researchers are studying why. Here are some things to watch out for:

- **Medications.** Some drugs you take for other health problems might worsen your asthma. These include aspirin and other pain relievers, blood pressure or heart medications, and eye drops for glaucoma.
- **Other chronic illnesses.** Reflux disease (stomach acid rising up into the throat) and depression can make asthma worse.
- **Obesity.** Asthma occurs at higher rates among adults over 60 who are overweight or obese.



Mention any concerns you have about your asthma when you visit your doctor. Bring a list of all medications and supplements you are taking. Make notes throughout the year about any changes you have noticed.

 **We can help.** We have disease management programs. They help people with asthma, diabetes and other chronic conditions. Call Member Services toll-free at **1-888-887-9003, TTY 711**, to learn more.

Is it a stroke?

Strokes happen when a blood vessel in the brain bursts or is blocked. Depending on which brain areas are affected and how long it was before treatment began, stroke survivors may suffer mild to severe disabilities.

Symptoms.


Knowing the symptoms of stroke can help you get medical help fast. Symptoms include sudden:

- Numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg.
- Confusion, trouble speaking or understanding.
- Vision changes in one or both eyes.
- Trouble walking or staying balanced.
- Severe headache.
- Drowsiness.
- Nausea or vomiting.

Signs.

There are 3 simple tasks that can help you determine if someone is having these symptoms. If someone is having a stroke, they may not be able to:

- Smile.
- Raise both arms.
- Coherently speak a simple sentence.

 **Act fast.** Call **911** at the first sign of a possible stroke. Quick treatment is essential.


Know your numbers.

It's important to control blood pressure.

About 1 in 3 adults in the U.S. has high blood pressure. But only about half of these people have their high blood pressure under control. High blood pressure is also called hypertension. New guidelines say stage 1 hypertension starts at a blood pressure reading of 130/80 or higher.

High blood pressure usually has no symptoms. Because it can lead to serious problems, it's important to treat it. Hypertension is a leading cause of stroke, heart attack, kidney disease and congestive heart failure. There are several things you can do to control your blood pressure.

- Limit salt to less than 1,500 mg per day.
- Eat a healthy diet that is high in fruits and vegetables.
- Limit alcohol to 1 drink a day for women or 2 (or fewer) for men.
- Maintain a healthy weight.
- Stay active. Take a brisk 10-minute walk 3 times a day, 5 days a week. Check with your primary care provider (PCP) before beginning an exercise program.
- Do not smoke.
- Manage stress.

 **See your doctor.** If lifestyle changes are not enough to keep your blood pressure down, your doctor may suggest medication. There are many different kinds of medicines that lower blood pressure. Be sure to keep all follow-up appointments with your doctor. Check your blood pressure often.



Stay free from HIV.


According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 4,364 people were diagnosed with HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) in Texas in 2017. Today, there are more than 80,000 people living with HIV in Texas.

Some people are more likely to get HIV than others. Risk factors include your sexual behaviors, the sexual behaviors of your partner(s), and needle or syringe use.

There's no cure for HIV. If you are HIV-negative but at high risk for getting HIV, a medicine called PrEP can help keep you free from HIV.

PrEP, or pre-exposure prophylaxis, is a daily medicine that can reduce your chance of getting HIV. PrEP can stop HIV from taking hold and spreading throughout your body.

Taking PrEP daily reduces the risk of getting HIV from sex by more than 90 percent. Among people who inject drugs, it reduces the risk by more than 70 percent. Your risk of getting HIV from sex can be even lower if you combine PrEP with condoms and other safe sex methods.

 **Find out more.** Your primary care provider (PCP) can tell you if PrEP is right for you based on your risk factors. Need to find a new PCP? Call Member Services toll-free at **1-888-887-9003, TTY 711**. Or visit our member website at **myuhc.com/CommunityPlan** or use the UnitedHealthcare **Health4Me®** app.



Resource corner.

Member Services: Find a doctor, ask benefit questions or voice a complaint, in any language (toll-free).
1-888-887-9003, TTY 711

Our website and app: Find a provider, read your Member Handbook or see your ID card, wherever you are.
myuhc.com/CommunityPlan
Health4Me®

NurseLineSM: Get health advice from a nurse 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (toll-free).
1-877-839-5407, TTY 711

QuitLine: Get free help quitting smoking (toll-free).
quitnow.net
1-800-227-2345, TTY 711

National Domestic Violence Hotline: Get support, resources and advice 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (toll-free).
1-800-799-SAFE, TTY 1-800-787-3224
thehotline.org

Service Coordination: Get help for special needs (toll-free).
1-800-349-0550, TTY 711

Want to receive information electronically? Call Member Services and give us your email address (toll-free).
1-888-887-9003, TTY 711



Getting the right care.

Where to go for the care you need.

Choosing the right place to go when you are sick or hurt can help you be seen faster. It is important to choose a primary care provider (PCP). Make an appointment to see your PCP before you have an urgent need.

See your PCP whenever possible. Your PCP has easy access to your records, knows the bigger picture of your health and may even offer same-day appointments to meet your needs. You may want to see your PCP for needs or symptoms such as:

- Skin rash.
- Minor injuries.
- Flu shot.
- Earache.

If you cannot get in to see your PCP, you can go to an urgent care center. Urgent care centers take walk-in patients. You may want to go to urgent care for:

- Cough or cold.
- Fever or sore throat.
- Stomach pain.
- Minor cuts or burns.

Emergency rooms are for major medical emergencies only. Go there only when you think your illness or injury could result in death or disability if not treated right away.

For general health questions, call our toll-free NurseLineSM at **1-877-839-5407, TTY 711**, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Experienced registered nurses can give you information and answer questions about:

- Choosing where to get medical care.
- Finding a doctor or hospital.
- Health and wellness help.
- Medicine questions.



We're here for you. From scheduling a checkup to finding a doctor, you can count on us to help you get care as quickly as possible. If you have questions, please call Member Services toll-free at **1-888-887-9003, TTY 711**.



UnitedHealthcare Community Plan does not treat members differently because of sex, age, race, color, disability or national origin.

If you think you were treated unfairly because of your sex, age, race, color, disability or national origin, you can send a complaint to:

Civil Rights Coordinator
UnitedHealthcare Civil Rights Grievance
P.O. Box 30608
Salt Lake City, UTAH 84130
UHC_Civil_Rights@uhc.com

You must send the complaint within 60 days of when you found out about it. A decision will be sent to you within 30 days. If you disagree with the decision, you have 15 days to ask us to look at it again.

If you need help with your complaint, please call Member Services toll-free at **1-877-597-7799, TTY 711**, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

You can also file a complaint with the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services.

Online:

<https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>

Complaint forms are available at

<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>

Phone:

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

Mail:

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

If you need help with your complaint, please call the toll-free member phone number listed on your member ID card.

We provide free services to help you communicate with us such as letters in other languages, large print materials, auxiliary aids and services, materials in alternate formats, at your request. Or, you can ask for an interpreter. To ask for help, please call Member Services toll-free at **1-877-597-7799, TTY 711**, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Spanish	Ofrecemos servicios gratuitos para ayudarle a que se comuniquen con nosotros. Por ejemplo, cartas en otros idiomas o en letra grande. O bien, usted puede pedir un intérprete. Para pedir ayuda, llame al número de teléfono gratuito para miembros que se encuentra en su tarjeta de ID.
Vietnamese	Chúng tôi cung cấp nhiều dịch vụ miễn phí để giúp quý vị liên lạc với chúng tôi. Thí dụ như thư viết bằng những ngôn ngữ khác hoặc in với khổ chữ lớn. Hoặc, quý vị cũng có thể yêu cầu được thông dịch viên giúp quý vị. Để được giúp đỡ, xin quý vị vui lòng gọi số điện thoại miễn phí dành cho hội viên ghi trên thẻ ID hội viên của quý vị.
Chinese	我們提供免費服務幫助您與我們溝通。例如，其他語言版本或大字體信函。或者，您可要求口譯員。如欲要求協助，請撥打會員卡上所列的免付費會員電話。
Korean	저희는 귀하가 의사소통을 할 수 있도록 도와드리기 위해 무료 서비스를 제공합니다. 예를 들면, 다른 언어 또는 대형 활자로 작성된 서신과 같은 것입니다. 또한 귀하는 통역사를 요청할 수 있습니다. 도움이 필요하신 경우, 귀하의 신분증 카드에 기재된 무료 회원 전화번호로 문의하십시오.
Arabic	نقدم لك خدمات مجانية لمساعدتك على التواصل معنا. مثل الخطابات باللغات الأخرى، أو الطباعة بأحرف كبيرة. أو يمكنك طلب مترجم فوري. لطلب المساعدة، برجاء الاتصال برقم الهاتف المجاني المُدرَج على بطاقة هويتك.
Urdu	ہم سے بات چیت کے لئے ہم مفت میں خدمات دستیاب کراتے ہیں۔ جیسے دوسری زبانوں میں حروف یا بڑے پرنٹ، یا آپ مترجم کی خدمات حاصل کرسکتے ہیں۔ مدد طلب کرنے کے لئے برائے کرم آپ کے آئی ڈی میں درج شدہ ممبر کے ٹال فری نمبر پر کال کریں۔
Tagalog	Nagbibigay kami ng mga libreng serbisyo upang matulungan kang makipag-ugnayan sa amin. Gaya ng mga liham na nakasulat sa iba pang wika o sa malalaking titik. Maaari ka ring humiling ng tagasaling-wika. Upang humingi ng tulong, tumawag sa toll-free na numero ng telepono para sa miyembro na nakalista sa iyong ID card.

French	Nous proposons des services gratuits pour vous aider à communiquer avec nous, notamment des lettres dans d'autres langues ou en gros caractères. Vous pouvez aussi demander l'aide d'un interprète. Pour demander de l'aide, veuillez appeler le numéro de téléphone sans frais imprimé sur votre carte d'affilié.
Hindi	हमारे साथ संपर्क करने के लिए हम आपको मुफ्त सेवाएं उपलब्ध करवाते हैं। जैसे कि, दूसरी भाषाओं में पत्र या बड़े प्रिंट। या, आप एक व्याख्याकार के लिए निवेदन कर सकते हैं। मदद मांगने के लिए, कृपया अपने पहिचान-पत्र की सूची में दिए गए टोल फ्री सदस्य फोन नंबर पर कॉल करें।
Persian	ما خدمات رایگانی را برای به کمک به شما در برقراری ارتباط با ما ارائه می کنیم. از قبیل نامه ها به سایر زبان ها یا چاپ درشت. یا می توانید برای مترجم شفاهی درخواست کنید. جهت درخواست برای کمک و راهنمایی، لطفاً با شماره تلفن رایگانی که بر روی کارت شناسایی شما قید شده تماس بگیرید.
German	Um Ihnen die Kommunikation mit uns zu erleichtern, stellen wir Ihnen kostenlose Dienste zur Verfügung. Hierzu zählen u. a. Schreiben in anderen Sprachen oder Großdruck und die Möglichkeit, einen Dolmetscher anzufordern. Bitte wenden Sie sich für Unterstützung an die gebührenfreie Rufnummer auf Ihrem Mitgliedsausweis.
Gujarati	અમારી સાથે માહિતીનું આદાન પ્રદાન કરવા માટે તમને મદદ કરવા માટે અમે નિ:શુલ્ક સેવાઓ પૂરી પાડીએ છીએ. જેવી કે અન્ય ભાષાઓમાં પત્રો કે મોટું છાપકામ. અથવા તમે એક દુભાષિયાની માંગ કરી શકો છો. મદદ માંગવા માટે, તમારા આઈડી કાર્ડ ઉપર નોંધવામાં આવેલા સભ્ય ટોલ ફ્રી ફોન નંબર ને કોલ કરવા વિનંતી. તમારા આઈ ડી કાર્ડ ઉપર નોંધાયેલા ટોલ-ફ્રી સભ્ય ફોન નંબર ને કોલ કરવા વિનંતી.

Russian	Мы предоставляем бесплатные услуги перевода для того чтобы помочь вам свободно общаться с нами. Например, мы переводим письма на другие языки или предоставляем информацию, напечатанную крупным шрифтом. Либо вы можете подать запрос о предоставлении вам услуг устного переводчика. Для того чтобы обратиться за помощью, вам необходимо позвонить по бесплатному для участников номеру, указанному на вашей идентификационной карте.
Japanese	お客様のコミュニケーションをお手伝いする無料のサービスをご用意しています。これには他の言語や大きな文字での書簡などが含まれ、通訳もご利用いただけます。サービスやお手伝いをご希望の方は、IDカードに記載されているメンバー用フリーダイヤルにお電話ください。
Laotian	ພວກເຮົາມີການບໍລິການຊ່ວຍໃຫ້ທ່ານຕິດຕໍ່ກັບພວກເຮົາເຊັ່ນ, ຈົດໝາຍໃນພາສາອື່ນຫຼືການພິມຂະໜາດໃຫຍ່ຫຼື, ທ່ານສາມາດຮ້ອງຂໍໃຫ້ມີນາຍພາສາ. ຂໍຄວາມຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອ, ກະລຸນາໃຫ້ທາເບີໂທລະສັບຂອງສະມາຊິກໃຫມ່ທີ່ລະບຸໄວ້ໃນບັດປະຈຳຕົວຂອງທ່ານ.



UnitedHealthcare Community Plan no da un tratamiento diferente a sus miembros en base a su sexo, edad, raza, color, discapacidad u origen nacional.

Si usted piensa que ha sido tratado injustamente por razones como su sexo, edad, raza, color, discapacidad u origen nacional, puede enviar una queja a:

Civil Rights Coordinator
UnitedHealthcare Civil Rights Grievance
P.O. Box 30608
Salt Lake City, UTAH 84130
UHC_Civil_Rights@uhc.com

Usted tiene que enviar la queja dentro de los 60 días de la fecha cuando se enteró de ella. Se le enviará la decisión en un plazo de 30 días. Si no está de acuerdo con la decisión, tiene 15 días para solicitar que la consideremos de nuevo.

Si usted necesita ayuda con su queja, por favor llame gratis a Servicios para Miembros al **1-877-597-7799, TTY 711**, de lunes a viernes, de 8:00 a.m. a 8:00 p.m.

Usted también puede presentar una queja con el Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos de los Estados Unidos.

Internet:

<https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>

Formas para las quejas se encuentran disponibles en:

<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>

Teléfono:

Llamada gratuita, **1-800-368-1019, 1-800-537-7697** (TDD)

Correo:

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

Si necesita ayuda para presentar su queja, por favor llame al número gratuito para miembros anotado en su tarjeta de identificación como miembro.

Ofrecemos servicios gratuitos para ayudarle a comunicarse con nosotros, tales como cartas en otros idiomas, materiales en letra grande, ayudas y servicios auxiliares, y materiales en formatos alternativos, a su solicitud. O bien, puede solicitar un intérprete. Para pedir ayuda, por favor llame gratis a Servicios para Miembros al **1-877-597-7799, TTY 711**, de lunes a viernes, de 8:00 a.m. a 8:00 p.m.