



# HealthTalk

Your journey to better health



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**It's time for your annual flu shot.**  
Our flu shot location finder makes it easier to find where to get one.  
Learn more on page 2.

## Medicaid Renewal

### Take action

#### What you need to do to renew your Medicaid benefits

Medicaid members need to renew their coverage each year. Your state will tell you when its time. They may call it recertification or redetermination.

Make sure the state can reach you when it is time to renew. Give them your current address, email and phone number. It is important to reply when they contact you. If you don't you could lose 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. We have an online tool that makes it easier to schedule one. Visit [myuhc.com/findflushot](https://myuhc.com/findflushot).



## Ready, set, quit

### Help to quit smoking for good

It's no secret that it is hard to quit smoking and you might not know where to begin. Regardless of what stage of life you are in, a teenager, an expectant mom or an adult, quitting smoking is one of the most important actions you can take to improve your health. This is true no matter how long you have been smoking.

With the right support, you can more than double your chances of quitting for good.<sup>1</sup> Here are some ways to get help:

- Support from a counselor can be given by phone, one-on-one or in a group.
- Nicotine replacement helps relieve withdrawal symptoms. Choose from gums, patches, sprays, inhalers or lozenges.
- Medications that work on chemicals in the brain to break your addiction.

## Disease Management

# Improve your COPD symptoms

More than 16 million Americans have chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).<sup>1</sup> It causes coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath and increased mucus. It is more common for people over age 65.

COPD has to be diagnosed by a health care provider. If you have it, there are many ways you can improve your symptoms. Quitting smoking and taking medication can both help.

It is also important to take your medicine as prescribed. It will help you feel better. It can also help prevent “flare-ups” that make it hard to breathe.



## Transitions of care

# Follow-up care is important

## What to do after getting home from the hospital

The time immediately following a hospitalization or emergency room visit can be overwhelming. Take these steps to help ease this transition:

1. Understand your discharge instructions. Your nurse or provider should review these with you before you leave the hospital. Ask questions about anything you don't understand.
2. Fill any new prescriptions. While at the pharmacy, ask the pharmacist to review your entire list of medications for any possible drug interactions.
3. Make a follow up appointment with your Primary Care Provider (PCP) or behavioral health provider within 7 days following your discharge. Bring a copy of your discharge instructions and a list of any new medications prescribed to you.

Ask for support. Many people need extra help during this time. Asking for support from others may be just what you need for a speedy recovery.



If you need help scheduling a follow up appointment, please call the Member Services number toll-free at the number on page 4.

# We're here to help

## 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).

## Our website: [myuhc.com/communityplan](https://myuhc.com/communityplan)

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.

## UnitedHealthcare app: Download on the App Store® or Google Play™

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.

## New York State Smokers' Quitline:

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

(toll-free) [nysmokefree.com](https://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).

## Live and Work Well: [liveandworkwell.com](https://liveandworkwell.com)

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

## Assurance Wireless:

[assurancewireless.com/partner/buhc](https://assurancewireless.com/partner/buhc)

Get unlimited high-speed data, minutes and texts each month. Plus an Android smartphone at no cost to you.

## Healthy First Steps®: **1-800-599-5985**, TTY **711**

(toll-free) [uhchealthyfirststeps.com](https://uhchealthyfirststeps.com)

Get support throughout your pregnancy for timely prenatal and well-baby care.

## Go digital:

[myuhc.com/communityplan/preference](https://myuhc.com/communityplan/preference)

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

## HIV Testing: [health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/consumers/testing/index.htm](https://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](https://health.ny.gov/diseases/aids)

Get helpful information about programs, initiatives and services.

## National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: **988** [988lifeline.org/chat](https://988lifeline.org/chat)

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



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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 English services, free of charge, are available to you.  
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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 TTY 711.	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 TTY 711.	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