

Your journey to better health

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Care guidelines The best care

Tools for better health

We give our providers tools so they can best care for our members. These tools are called clinical practice guidelines. They share best practices on how to manage illnesses and promote wellness.

The guidelines cover care for many illnesses and conditions like diabetes, high blood pressure and depression. They also give advice on how to stay well with proper diet,

exercise and vaccines. For more information, visit **uhcprovider. com/cpg**.



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Health equity

Safe and secure

How we use and protect language and cultural data

At UnitedHealthcare[®], we help coordinate your care across all of your health care providers. To do that, we receive and share important information about you. This may include your race, ethnicity, language you speak, gender identity and sexual orientation. This data and other personal information about you is protected health information (PHI). We may share this information with your health care providers as part of treatment, payment and operations. This helps us meet your health care needs.

Examples of how we may use this information to improve our services include:

- To find gaps in care
- To help you in languages other than English
- To create programs that meet your needs
- To tell your health care providers which language(s) you speak

We do not use this data to deny coverage or limit benefits. We protect this information in the same way we protect all other PHI. Access is restricted to those employees who need to use it. Our buildings and computers are secured. Computer passwords and other system protections keep your data safe.

To find out more about how we protect your cultural data, visit **uhc.com/about-us/rel-collection-and-use**. For more information on our health equity program, visit **unitedhealthgroup.com/what-we-do/health-equity.html**.

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Proporcionamos servicios gratuitos para ayudarle a comunicarse con nosotros. Podemos enviarle información en idiomas distintos al inglés o en letra grande. Puede solicitar un intérprete. Para solicitar ayuda, llame a la línea gratuita de Servicios para miembros al número que aparece en la Página 6.

Chúng tôi cung cấp các dịch vụ miễn phí nhằm giúp quý vị giao tiếp với chúng tôi. Chúng tôi có thể gửi cho quý vị thông tin bằng các ngôn ngữ khác không phải là tiếng Anh hoặc bằng chữ in lớn. Quý vị có thể yêu cầu cung cấp dịch vụphiên dịch viên. Để yêu cầu trợ giúp, hãy gọi điện cho bộ phận Dịch vụ thành viêntheo số điện thoại trên Trang 6.



Member Handbook

All about your health plan

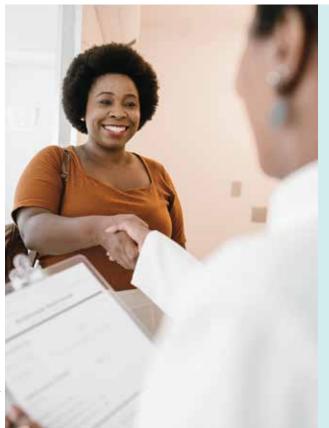
Have you read your Member Handbook? It is a great source of information. It tells you how to use your plan. It explains:

- Your member rights and responsibilities
- The benefits and services you have
- The benefits and services you don't have (exclusions)
- What costs you may have for health care
- How to find out about network providers
- How your prescription drug benefits work
- What to do if you need care when you are out of town

- When and how you can get care from an out-of-network provider
- Where, when and how to get primary, after-hours, behavioral health, specialty, hospital and emergency care
- Our privacy policy
- What to do if you get a bill
- How to voice a complaint or appeal a coverage decision
- How to ask for an interpreter or get other help with language or translation

- How the plan decides if new treatments or technologies are covered
- How to report fraud and abuse

Get it all. You can read the Member Handbook online at myuhc.com/ communityplan/benefitsandcvg. Or call Member Services toll-free at the phone number on Page 6 to request a copy.



Plan benefits Caring for you

We want to make sure you get the care you need when you need it. If you need help getting to your provider's office, we can help. Our health plan offers transportation benefits to get you to appointments. Call Member Services at the phone number on Page 6 to learn more.

If you need to see a provider right away, you can get after-hours care at urgent care centers. We also have a NurseLine that you can call anytime – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – at **1-877-440-0251**, TTY **711**.

To find a provider or look for urgent care center locations near you, visit **connect.werally.com/state-plan-selection/uhc.medicaid/state**. Or use the UnitedHealthcare app.

Your drug benefits

What you need to know

Visit our website to learn about your prescription drug benefits. It includes information on:

- 1. What drugs are covered. There is a list of covered drugs. You may need to use a generic drug in place of a brand-name drug.
- 2. Where to get your prescriptions filled. You can find a pharmacy near you that accepts your plan. You may also be able to get certain drugs by mail.
- **3. Rules that may apply.** Some drugs may only be covered in certain cases. For example, you might need to try a different drug first. (This is called step therapy.) Or you might need approval from UnitedHealthcare to use a drug. (This is called prior authorization.) There also might be limits to the amount you can get of certain drugs.
- Any costs to you. Adults aged 21 and older have copayments of \$1 for generic drugs and \$3 for brand-name drugs. Children under 21 years of age and pregnant women do not have copayments.



Look it up. Find information on your drug benefits at myuhc.com/ communityplan/pharmaciesandrx.

Or call Member Services toll-free at the phone number on Page 6.



Utilization management The right care

Utilization management (UM) helps make sure you receive the right care and services when you need them. Our UM staff reviews the services your provider asks for. They compare the care and services your provider asks for against clinical practice guidelines. They also compare what is being asked for against your benefits.

When the care is not covered under your benefits, it may be denied. It may also be denied when it does not meet clinical practice guidelines. We do not pay or reward our providers or staff for denying services or approving less care. If care is denied, you and your provider have a right to appeal. The denial letter will tell you how.

If you have any questions, call Member Services toll-free at the phone number on Page 6. TTY services and language assistance are available if you need them.

Health tools

Stay well

Programs to help manage your health

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan provides programs and services to help keep you well. We also have services to help better manage illnesses and other care needs. These are part of our population health program. They may include:

- Health education and reminders
- Maternity support and education
- Support for substance use disorders
- Programs to help you with complex health needs (care managers work with your provider and other outside agencies)

These programs are voluntary. They are offered at no cost to you. You can choose to stop any program at any time.





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 4 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. Bring copies of any test results or treatment plans from other providers.
- 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.



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).
1-800-318-8821, TTY 711

Our website: 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**[™]

NurseLine: Get health advice from a nurse 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at no cost to you (toll-free). 1-877-440-0251, TTY 711 Quit For Life: Get help quitting smoking at no cost to you (toll-free). 1-866-784-8454, TTY 711 quitnow.net

Care Management: This program is for members with chronic conditions and complex needs. You can get phone calls, home visits, health education, referrals to community resources, appointment reminders, help with rides and more (toll-free). **1-800-460-5689**, TTY **711**

Live and Work Well: Find articles, self-care tools, caring providers, and mental health and substance use resources. **liveandworkwell.com**

Assurance Wireless: Get unlimited high-speed data, minutes and texts each month. Plus an Android[™] smartphone at no cost to you. assurancewireless.com/partner/buhc

Healthy First Steps[®]: Get support throughout your pregnancy and rewards for timely prenatal and well-baby care (toll-free). 1-800-599-5985, TTY 711 babyscripts.com

Go digital: Sign up for email, text messages and digital files to receive your health information more quickly. **myuhc.com/communityplan/preference**