



# Health Talk



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United  
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Community Plan

## Get connected

Download the UnitedHealthcare mobile app. It's designed for people on the go. Find it on the App Store or Google Play, or scan here.



## We care for you

We give our providers tools, so they can best care for our members. These tools are called clinical practice guidelines. They tell the providers about how to manage illnesses and promote wellness. The guidelines cover care for a variety of illnesses and conditions like diabetes, high blood pressure and depression. They also give information on how to stay well with proper diet, exercise and recommended vaccines.



**Learn more.** For more information, visit [uhcprovider.com/cpg](http://uhcprovider.com/cpg).

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Healthy mind,  
healthy body

## Racism and mental health

Over the past year, the media has shared stories of police brutality, hate crimes and other forms of racial discrimination. Talking about the effects of racism isn't always easy. But let's start the conversation. If racism is taking a toll on your mental health, you're not alone. Help is available.

If you think you are experiencing race-based trauma or stress, you can get help from a multicultural or racial trauma-informed therapist. These therapists work to create an open, culturally affirming and empowering space for you to heal.

It's important to find a mental health provider you feel comfortable talking with and trust. This is important for preventive care, too. You should see your primary care provider every year for an annual wellness visit. This gives your provider a chance to catch problems early, when they are easier to treat.



**Find a provider.** We can help you find a mental health or primary care provider who is a good fit for you. Visit [myuhc.com/communityplan](https://myuhc.com/communityplan).

# Live life to the fullest

## Get help for chronic pain

It's hard to live your life to the fullest when you struggle with chronic pain. Chronic pain is defined as pain that lasts more than 12 weeks. It may affect a specific part of the body, such as low back pain or headaches. But it can also involve many other parts of the body all at once.

For those living with chronic pain, it can be frustrating — from determining the cause of pain to taking the right steps to manage it. Unfortunately, medications, injections or surgeries don't always relieve it. The pain can become an illness that affects your everyday life. This creates more stress and extra medical costs. It can also leave you feeling frustrated and discouraged.

UnitedHealthcare advocates for alternative treatment options for common pain conditions in accordance with clinical guidelines. While these options may not be appropriate in all situations, we encourage members and their providers to consider non-pharmacologic and non-opioid alternatives when deciding on the best course of treatment for chronic pain.



**See your provider.** Your primary care provider is the best person to help you find options for managing chronic pain. They can recommend actions to help manage your pain and teach you more about a certain diagnosis. Your provider can also refer you to specialists or other programs that may help.



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## Fight the flu

### It's time for your annual flu vaccine

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone 6 months and older get the flu vaccine each year. It is available in the fall and winter months. It is the first and most important step in protecting you and your family against the flu.

If you have not gotten the COVID-19 vaccine yet, talk to your provider about when you should get it. The FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccines have been proven to be safe and effective for most people ages 12 and older.



**It's your best shot.** There is no cost to you for the flu or COVID-19 vaccines.

You can get them at any clinic or pharmacy that accepts your plan. Visit [myuhc.com/communityplan](https://myuhc.com/communityplan) to find a location near you.

# Stay well

## Catch up on adolescent well visits and vaccines

Due to COVID-19, many children are behind on their well visits and vaccines. If your child missed their back-to-school checkup this year, it is not too late to make it up.

Well visits are needed all throughout childhood – from babies to teens. These visits may include:

- A physical exam
- Vaccines
- Sight and hearing tests
- Discussion of physical activity and nutrition
- Developmental screenings for speech, feeding and physical activity
- Questions about your child's health and health history
- Lab tests, such as urine and blood tests

During the well visit, ask your child's provider if your child is up to date with their vaccines. Staying on schedule with vaccinations protects your child as well as others from getting sick. If your child missed any of their vaccines this year, it's not too late to make them up.



**Get checked.** Call your child's provider to make an appointment for a well visit. To find a new provider, visit [myuhc.com/communityplan](https://myuhc.com/communityplan).

Or call Member Services toll-free at the phone number listed in the resource corner on page 4 of this newsletter.





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## Resource corner

**Member Services:** Find a provider, ask benefit questions or get help scheduling an appointment, in any language (toll-free).  
**1-800-587-5187, TTY 711**

**Our website:** Find a provider, view your benefits or see your ID card, wherever you are.  
**myuhc.com/communityplan**

**Quit For Life®:** Get help quitting smoking at no cost to you (toll-free).  
**1-866-784-8454, TTY 711**  
**quitnow.net**

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

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

**BH Link:** Mental health support is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.  
**401-414-LINK**  
**(401-414-5465)**

# Know your risk

Breast cancer and cervical cancer are 2 of the most common types of cancer in women. Here are some factors that may put you at an increased risk for getting them.

Breast cancer risk factors	Cervical cancer risk factors
Are age 50 or older	Have been infected with human papillomavirus (HPV)
Started your period before age 12 or started menopause after age 55	Have had other sexually transmitted infections (STIs)
Have a mother, sister or daughter who has had breast cancer	Have a mother, sister or daughter who has had cervical cancer
Are not physically active	Have had many sexual partners
Drink alcohol or smoke	Smoke

It's important for all women to get screened for these cancers as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Screenings can help catch them in their early stages, when they are easier to treat.

Breast cancer screening guidelines	Cervical cancer screening guidelines
Mammograms, which are an X-ray of the breast, should be done every 1 to 2 years for women age 50 or older.	Women between the ages of 21 and 29 should get a Pap smear every 3 years, then Pap and HPV tests every 5 years between the ages of 30 and 65. Testing can end at age 65 for women with a history of normal results.



### Make a screening plan.

Talk to your provider about screening for breast cancer and cervical cancer. If you need to find a provider, we can help. Call Member Services toll-free at the phone number listed in the resource corner to the left. Or visit **myuhc.com/communityplan**.





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 the toll-free member phone number listed on your health plan member ID card, TTY **711**, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., Monday – Friday.

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 or large print. Or, you can ask for an interpreter. To ask for help, please call the toll-free member phone number listed on your health plan member ID card, TTY **711**, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., Monday – Friday.

ATTENTION: Language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you.  
Call 1-800-587-5187, TTY 711.

**Spanish**

ATENCIÓN: Los servicios de asistencia de idiomas están a su disposición sin cargo.  
Llame al 1-800-587-5187, TTY 711.

**Portuguese**

ATENÇÃO: Encontram-se disponíveis serviços de assistência de idioma.  
Contacte 1-800-587-5187, TTY 711.

**Chinese**

注意：我們提供免費的語言援助服務。請致電 1-800-587-5187 或聽障專線(TTY) 711。

**French Creole (Haitian Creole)**

ATANSYON: Gen sèvis èd pou lang, gratis, ki disponib pou ou. Rele 1-800-587-5187, TTY 711.

**Mon-Khmer, Cambodian**

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1-800-587-5187, TTY 711។

**French**

ATTENTION: vous pouvez profiter d'une assistance linguistique sans frais en appelant le 1-800-587-5187, TTY 711.

**Italian**

ATTENZIONE: È disponibile un servizio gratuito di assistenza linguistica. Chiamare il numero 1-800-587-5187, TTY 711.

**Laotian**

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**Arabic**

تنبيه: تتوفر لك خدمات المساعدة اللغوية مجاناً. اتصل على الرقم 1-800-587-5187، الهاتف النصي: 711.

**Russian**

ВНИМАНИЕ! Языковые услуги предоставляются вам бесплатно. Звоните по телефону 1-800-587-5187, TTY 711.

**Vietnamese**

LƯU Ý: Dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ, miễn phí, dành cho bạn. Hãy gọi 1-800-587-5187, TTY 711.

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TÒ ƉÙŪ NÒMÒ DYÍIN CÁO: À bédé gbo-kpá-kpá bó wudu-dù kò-kò po-nyò bě bìl nǝ à gbo bó pídyi. M̄ dyi gbo-kpá-kpá m̄ín, dá nòbà nìà ke: 1-800-587-5187, TTY 711.