



THE KEY TO A GOOD LIFE IS A GREAT PLAN

HealthTALK



Did you know?

Almost half of adults get the recommended amount of aerobic activity. But only 1 in 5 meets guidelines for both aerobic and strength-building activity.



(Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

I Vaccinate

A resource for parents

Vaccines can protect your children from 16 harmful diseases. Yet, Michigan's immunization rate is among the nation's worst. It ranks 43th lowest in the United States for toddlers. Just 54 percent of children ages 19 to 35 months are up-to-date on their shots. Only 29 percent of teens 13 to 18 years old have all their shots. Low immunization rates make it easier for diseases to spread.

The I Vaccinate campaign wants to make sure Michigan children stay healthy. This website has facts and tools to help parents learn about vaccines. Information is based on real medical science and research.



Learn more. Visit iVaccinate.org for vaccination schedules and more.

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Under control

Keep close tabs on your diabetes.

If you have diabetes, you need to make your health a priority. Regular testing helps you see how you're doing. Have you gotten these tests recently?

- **A1c blood test:** This test shows how well your blood sugar has been controlled over the last 2 to 3 months. Get your A1c tested 2 to 4 times per year.
- **HDL (good) cholesterol:** Controlling cholesterol is important for heart health. HDL should be more than 40 for men and 50 for women. Get this test once a year.
- **Kidney function:** Diabetes can damage your kidneys. This test makes sure yours are working right. Get this test once a year.
- **Dilated eye exam:** High blood sugar can cause blindness. Your eye doctor will look at the inside of your eyes. This test helps find problems before you notice them. Get this test once a year.



Do you have diabetes?

Call Member Services

toll-free at **1-800-903-5253**,
TTY 711. Ask about disease management programs that can help you manage your condition.

We care

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan provides care management. Care management helps members with special needs get the services and care they need. Care managers work with the health plan, providers, and outside agencies. They help people with:

- Physical disabilities
- Serious mental illness
- Complex health problems
- Other special needs

We also have programs for members with certain conditions. For example, we provide support for members with diabetes or who are pregnant.



How can we help?

Take a Health Assessment at myuhc.com/CommunityPlan.

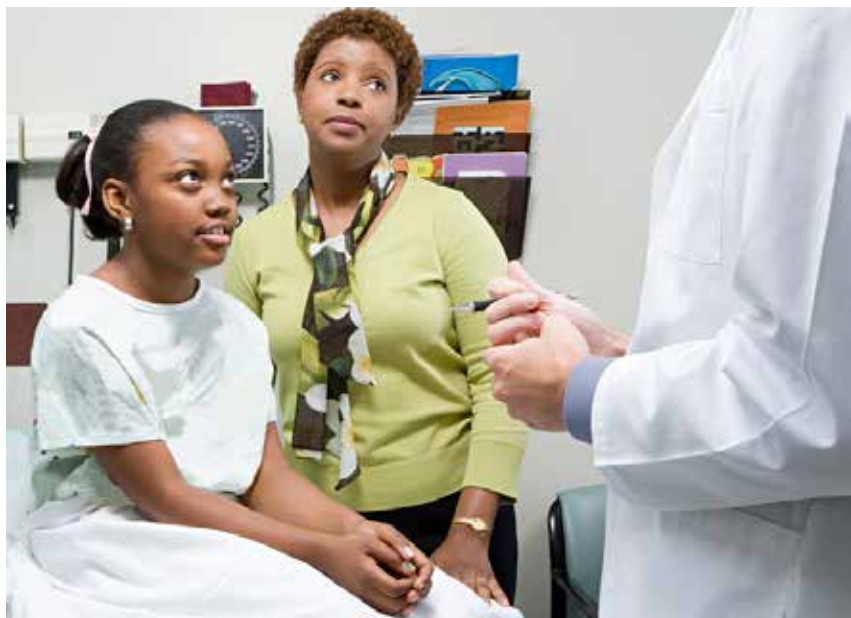
Or take it over the phone by calling Member Services toll-free at **1-800-903-5253**, **TTY 711**. This short survey will help find programs that are right for you.

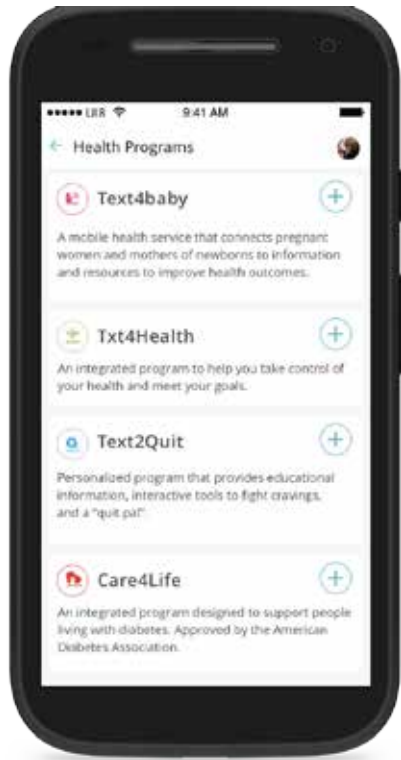
Don't take the risk

Three in four people will be infected with human papillomavirus (HPV) in their lifetime. You can get HPV by having sexual contact with someone who has the virus. Most of the time, it causes no problems and goes away. But sometimes, it can cause cancer.

There is a vaccine for HPV. The vaccine works best when given before boys and girls become sexually active. Preteens should get it at age 11 or 12. But it can be given as early as age 9 and as late as age 26.

The HPV vaccine is given as a series of two or three shots, depending on when the series is started. Ask about the HPV vaccine at your preteen's next checkup.






Stay connected

Introducing UnitedHealthcare MyHealthLine™

Our members can get no-cost mobile phone service through the federal Lifeline Assistance program. Get a no-cost mobile phone* or use your own phone. Service is available from select Lifeline service providers based on location and eligibility. All plans include data, talk, and text at no cost to you. MyHealthLine also includes:

- Health tips and reminders via text
- Calls with our Member Services
- Mobile health coaching programs

 **Apply now.** Learn more about MyHealthLine and apply for Lifeline service from select Lifeline service providers at UHCmyHealthLine.com.

Already have Lifeline service? Go to the website to see if you can upgrade.

Lifeline is a government assistance program. The service is non-transferable. Only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. The program is limited to one discount per household.

*Phone is subject to location and eligibility.

The right dose

4 facts about antidepressants

Depression is a serious, but treatable, condition. It is very common. Many people are helped by medicine for depression. When you understand your medication, you can make sure it is safe and effective for you. Here are four things you should know about antidepressants.

- 1. You might need to try more than one drug.** Many people feel better on the first one they try. Others need to try different drugs until they find the one that works best for them.
- 2. They usually take a while to work.** Some drugs take at least six weeks until they make you feel better. Be patient, and keep taking your medicine as directed.
- 3. Most people notice side effects.** However, they usually go away after a few weeks. Talk to your doctor if they don't.
- 4. Don't quit your medicine suddenly.** You need to work with your doctor to taper your dose. If you quit suddenly, you might feel sick.



Follow up. If you are getting treatment for mental health, it's important to keep your follow-up appointments. If you were hospitalized, be sure to see your mental health provider within seven days after you leave the hospital.





Resource corner

Member Services Find a doctor, ask benefit questions, or voice a complaint, in any language (toll-free).
1-800-903-5253, 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

Text4baby Get messages about pregnancy and your baby's first year. Text **BABY** to **511411** for messages in English. Text **BEBE** to **511411** for messages in Spanish. Or sign up at **text4baby.org**.

Baby Blocks Get rewards for timely prenatal and well baby care.

UHCBabyBlocks.com

KidsHealth Get reliable information on health topics for and about kids.

UHCommunityPlan.com/MIkids

QuitLine Get free help quitting smoking (toll-free).
1-800-QUIT-NOW, TTY 711
smokefree.gov

National Domestic Violence Hotline Get 24/7 support, resources, and advice (toll-free).

1-800-799-SAFE, TTY 1-800-787-3224
thehotline.org

Ask Dr. Health E. Hound

Q. How can I keep my child safe on a bike?

As the weather gets warmer, it's fun to be active outdoors. Riding a bike is a great way to get around. It's good exercise, too. Make every ride a safe ride with these tips.

Wear a helmet. Get a helmet habit started the very first time your child rides a tricycle or is a passenger on an adult bike. Use only helmets designed for bike riding. Show your child how important it is by wearing a helmet yourself. Falls can happen anywhere, so make sure your child wears a helmet every time he or she rides.

Teach traffic safety. Teach your child the rules of the road. Show your child how to stop and look all ways before crossing or entering a street. Tell him or her to ride on the right side, with traffic, and obey traffic signs and signals.

Use right-sized bikes. Don't buy a large bike for your child to grow into. Bikes that are too big are hard to control. A well-fitting bike will allow your child to put the balls of his or her feet on the ground.



Beat the rush

Schedule back to school checkups today.

Children, teens, and even young adults need to see their provider at least once every year. Annual well care visits can help your child grow up healthy. Now that school is out, it is a great time to call your child's provider to make an appointment for a free well care visit. Avoid the back to school and college rush. Don't wait until the end of summer.

Call today. The name and phone number of your child's doctor is on his or her UnitedHealthcare Community Plan ID card. Questions? Call Member Services at **1-800-903-5253, TTY 711**, then relax and enjoy the rest of your summer.

