



THE KEY TO A GOOD LIFE IS A GREAT PLAN

HealthTALK

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What do you think?

In a few weeks, you may get a survey in the mail. It asks how happy you are with UnitedHealthcare Community Plan. If you get a survey, please fill it out and mail it back. Your answers will be private. Your opinion helps us make the health plan better.



Pregnant?

Get pregnancy and postpartum care.

If you are pregnant, be sure to start pregnancy care early. Go to all of your doctor visits. Unless there is a medical reason, your pregnancy should continue for at least 39 weeks. Babies born early are at risk for health problems. These include breathing, temperature, feeding or other problems.

After you give birth, be sure to go to your postpartum visit. It is just as important as your pregnancy visits. Your doctor will want to see you by six weeks to check for healing, family planning and breast-feeding. Your doctor will also check you for postpartum depression. Postpartum depression can make you feel sad, hopeless and guilty because you may not feel like you want to bond with or care for your baby.



Pregnant? UnitedHealthcare Community Plan has a program that can help you. It's called Healthy First Steps®. Call **1-800-599-5985, TTY 711**, to see how you can join.



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Preteen vaccines.

When your child turns 11 or 12, it's time for another round of shots. These shots are given at your preteen's annual checkup. These vaccines help protect your children, their friends and your family members from serious diseases. Next time you take your middle-schooler to the doctor, ask about the following shots:

- **HPV:** Prevents human papillomavirus.
- **Meningococcal conjugate:** Prevents bacterial meningitis.
- **Tdap:** Prevents tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis.

If your child missed any of these shots, it's not too late to make them up. Check with your child's school about specific vaccine requirements.

It's your best shot.

Learn more about vaccines for every member of your family at **[CDC.gov/vaccines](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines)**.

See here.

Get a diabetic eye exam each year.

Diabetic retinopathy is a common complication of diabetes. High blood sugar damages the blood vessels in the eye. Symptoms rarely start until the damage is bad. Treatment can stop it from getting worse. But it can't reverse the vision loss that already happened.

That's why it is so important to have a diabetic eye exam every year. It can catch the problem before you have symptoms. The test is quick and painless.

People with diabetes also are at higher risk for other eye diseases. These include cataracts and glaucoma. Good control of your diabetes can help prevent vision loss.



We can help. If you have diabetes or another chronic condition, we can help. We offer disease management programs. They help you manage your condition. To learn more, call **1-800-348-4058, TTY 711**.





Sleep tight.

You can reduce the risk of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS). SIDS is when a baby dies of unknown cause in his or her sleep. The most important way to prevent SIDS is to always place your baby on his or her back to sleep, for naps and at night. Other tips include:

- Put your baby's sleep area next to where you sleep. Share a room, but not a bed.
- Use a firm sleep surface, such as a mattress in a safety-approved crib, covered by a crib sheet.
- Do not put pillows, blankets, bumpers or stuffed animals in the crib.
- Dress your baby in lightweight clothing for sleep. Make sure nothing covers your baby's head.
- Breast-feed your baby.
- Do not smoke around your baby.

The right dose.

Finding the best treatment for your child's ADHD.

If your child has attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), his or her provider may suggest medication. There are several kinds of medicines that treat ADHD. It may take a while to find the best medicine for your child.

Your child may need to change medicines or dosages a few times. Some medicines may not help your child. Others may cause side effects. A dose may be too low or too high.

That's why it's important for children on ADHD medicine to see their doctors often. Go within 30 days of when your child starts taking medicine. Visit again twice in the following nine months. Then be sure to keep regular appointments. Behavioral therapy and counseling are also important and should be tried before medication in children under age 6.

Ask Dr. Health E. Hound.®

Q: Why does my child need to be tested for lead?

A: Lead is often found in plumbing or paint in older homes. It can also be found in soil and in some imported products. Children can inhale or swallow lead. Too much lead in a child's body leads to lead poisoning. Lead poisoning can affect a child's blood, bones or brain. It can cause slow growth or developmental problems.

Many children with lead poisoning don't have symptoms. That's why testing is important. Experts recommend testing at ages 1 and 2. Arizona requires testing for children who live in at-risk zip codes. Lead testing is part of the well-child visit at these ages. The test is done using a few drops of blood.



Expecting? Lead poisoning can cause serious problems during pregnancy, such as premature birth and miscarriage. Talk with your provider to learn more.





Stay safe.

You can prevent STDs.

Millions of young people get sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) each year. STDs are not just spread through sexual intercourse. You can get some STDs by skin-to-skin contact with an infected area. STDs are serious. They can lead to permanent damage, such as infertility, if not treated.

- **Protect yourself.** The only way to completely prevent STDs is by not having sex. If you do have sex, use a condom every time. Condoms are the only form of birth control that lower your risk of getting an STD.
- **Communicate with your partner.** Make sure you are both aware of any existing STDs or health issues. Talk about how you will prevent STDs and pregnancy. Sex should always be consensual.
- **Get tested.** Many STDs do not have noticeable symptoms. It is important to get regular examinations and tests. If you think you have an STD, don't let embarrassment keep you from seeing a doctor.

Resource corner.

Member Services: Find a doctor, ask benefit questions or voice a complaint in any language (toll-free).
1-800-348-4058, TTY 711

Our website and app: Find a provider, read your Member Handbook or see your ID card, wherever you are.

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1-800-599-5985, TTY 711

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