



HealthTALK

FALL 2019



Trick or treat.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, most Americans eat and drink too many added sugars. When passing out Halloween treats this fall, consider snacks such as pretzels, popcorn, sugar-free gum and trail mix. These are healthier options than candy.



Fight the flu.

Get a flu vaccine this season.

The flu virus is very common. An annual flu shot is the best protection. Everyone aged 6 months and older should get one each year. You need to get a flu shot every year because each flu season is different.



Here are 3 other things you can do this fall to keep from getting the flu:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water.
- Eat well, exercise, drink lots of water and get enough sleep.
- Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.



It's your best shot. You can get a flu shot at any clinic, pharmacy or store that accepts your health plan. Visit myuhc.com/CommunityPlan to find a location near you.

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Screening for lead.

As your child grows up, it's important to have well-child visits with their primary care provider (PCP). Children need regular well-child visits as they age to make sure they are healthy and get any screenings they need.

Experts recommend a lead level screening at ages 1 and 2. If your doctor orders the lead screening test for your child, it is very important that you get the test done.

Why do children need to be tested for lead? It is often found in plumbing or paint in older homes. It can also be found in painted toys made outside of the United States. Because babies and toddlers often put their hands and toys in their mouths, they can swallow lead. They can also inhale it.

When lead gets into the body, it can end up in the blood, bones or organs. Too much lead in a child's body leads to lead poisoning. It can result in slow growth or developmental problems. Many children with lead poisoning don't have symptoms. That's why testing is important. The test is done using a few drops of blood.



Get screened. There are offices that provide lead screening tests throughout the state of Rhode Island. For help finding the office nearest you, call Member Services toll-free at **1-800-587-5187, TTY 711.**

Mammograms save lives.

Schedule your screening.

Breast cancer is one of the most common cancers in women. An estimated 268,600 U.S. women will be diagnosed with it this year.

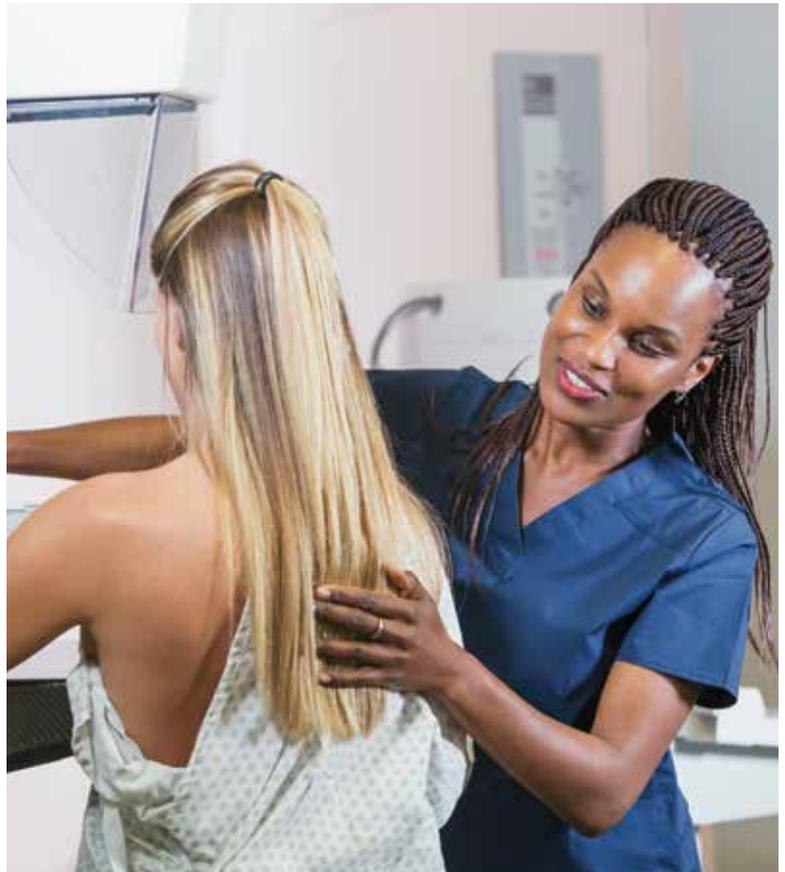
October is breast cancer awareness month. It is a good time to schedule a mammogram if you are due for one. A mammogram is an X-ray of the breast. It is used to find breast cancer early, before you notice a lump. When caught early, breast cancer is often curable.

Talk to your doctor about your breast cancer risk factors. These include your family and personal health history, ethnicity and lifestyle. The American Cancer Society recommends annual mammograms for women starting at age 40 or 45, depending on risk. Then mammograms every 2 years beginning at age 55. Women at high risk may continue annual screenings after age 55.



Are you at risk? There are offices that provide breast cancer screenings throughout the state of Rhode Island. For help finding the office nearest you, call Member Services toll-free at **1-800-587-5187,**

TTY 711. We can also help with scheduling an appointment with your doctor or finding a new provider.



Plan to quit.

Tobacco use is the largest preventable cause of disease and death. There is no safe way to use tobacco. If you use tobacco, consider quitting during the Great American Smokeout®, a national event hosted by the American Cancer Society. This year the event falls on November 21.



Quitting time? You can quit smoking for good with the right help. Get telephone support and information by calling the American Cancer Society at **1-800-227-2345, TTY 711**. Or get free help online at **quitnow.net**.



Let it go.

It's perfectly natural to feel stressed sometimes. Everyone does. Not all stress is bad, but long-term stress can affect your health. That's why it's important to manage it. Here are 4 tips on how to cope with stress:

- 1. Get regular exercise.** Just 30 minutes per day of walking can help boost your mood and reduce stress.
- 2. Try a relaxing activity.** Meditation, yoga and tai chi can be relaxing. Drawing or coloring can also be calming.
- 3. Set goals and priorities.** You don't need to do everything at once. Decide what needs to be done now and what can wait.
- 4. Stay connected.** It's OK to turn to friends, family or health care providers for emotional or other support.



Relax. To learn about your behavioral health benefits, call Member Services toll-free at **1-800-587-5187, TTY 711**.



Measles is on the rise.

Is your child protected?

Measles is contagious and can spread quickly. More than 900 cases of measles have been confirmed in 24 states this year. That's almost 9 times the number of cases that were reported in 2017.

The majority of people who get measles are unvaccinated. That's why it is important to be up-to-date on vaccinations.

You can protect your child against measles with a shot that protects against 3 diseases: measles, mumps and rubella (MMR). The MMR vaccine is proven to be safe. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends children get 2 doses of it:

- First dose at 12–15 months.
- Second dose before entering school (ages 4–6).

Outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases are serious. Vaccinate your child and help keep your community safe.



Ask the doctor. Ask your child's provider for a copy of their immunization record. Make sure your child has gotten all the shots they need.



Resource corner.

Member Services: Find a doctor, ask benefit questions or voice a complaint, in any language (toll-free).
1-800-587-5187, 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®

QuitLine: Get free help quitting smoking (toll-free).
quitnow.net
1-800-227-2345, TTY 711

Text4baby: Get FREE text messages on your cell phone each week to match your stage of pregnancy. Sign up by **texting the word BABY or BEBE to 511411**. Then enter the participant code HFS.

Healthy First Steps®: Get support throughout your pregnancy (toll-free).
1-800-599-5985, TTY 711

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

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

Want to receive information electronically? Call Member Services and give us your email address (toll-free).
1-800-587-5187, TTY 711

Game day recipe.

A heart-healthy chili in just 30 minutes.

Your food choices play a big role in your overall health. Good nutrition is an important part of leading a healthy lifestyle. Try making this heart-healthy chili for a tasty game day meal. You can add a chopped jalapeño pepper for extra spice. Or you can add toppings such as low-fat grated cheese, a sliced avocado or chopped green onions for added flavor and texture.

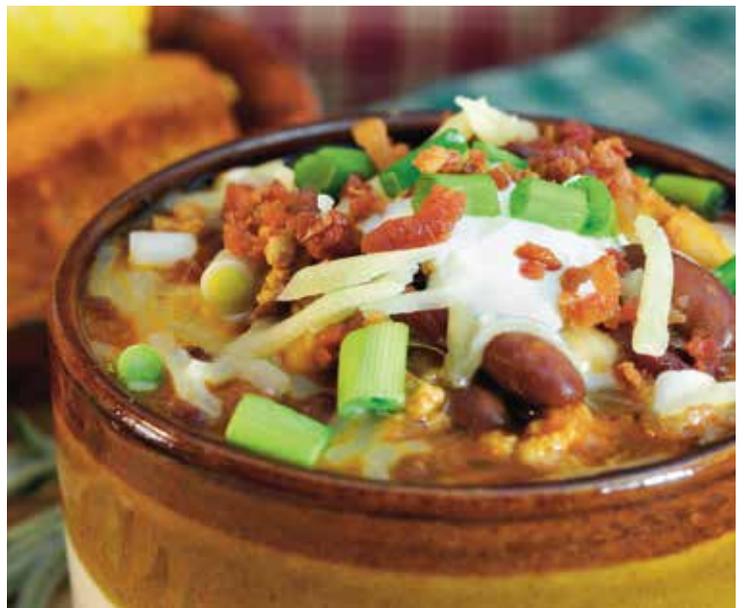
Ingredients.

- 1 lb. 95% lean ground turkey
- 15.5 oz. canned, no-salt-added or low-sodium pinto or kidney beans, rinsed, drained
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 14.5 oz. canned, no-salt-added or low-sodium diced tomatoes (undrained)
- 1 medium green bell pepper, chopped
- 1/2 tsp. ground coriander
- 4 cloves fresh garlic, minced
- 3/4 cup jarred salsa (lowest sodium available)
- 1 Tbsp. chili powder
- 1 Tbsp. ground cumin

Instructions.

1. Spray a large saucepan with cooking spray. Cook ground turkey and onion over medium-high heat for 5–7 minutes, stirring constantly to break up meat.
2. Stir in bell pepper, garlic, chili powder and cumin, and cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.
3. Add remaining ingredients and bring to a boil. Reduce to a simmer, cover and cook for 20 minutes.
4. Optional: Serve topped with low-fat grated cheese, a dollop of fat-free sour cream, sliced avocado, snipped cilantro or chopped green onions.

Serves 4.





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, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



UnitedHealthcare Community Plan no da un tratamiento diferente a sus miembros en base a su sexo, edad, raza, color, discapacidad o origen nacional.

Si usted piensa que ha sido tratado injustamente por razones como su sexo, edad, raza, color, discapacidad o origen nacional, puede enviar una queja a:

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Usted tiene que enviar la queja dentro de los 60 días de la fecha cuando se enteró de ella. Se le enviará la decisión en un plazo de 30 días. Si no está de acuerdo con la decisión, tiene 15 días para solicitar que la consideremos de nuevo.

Si usted necesita ayuda con su queja, por favor llame al número de teléfono gratuito para miembros que aparece en su tarjeta de identificación del plan de salud, TTY 711, de lunes a viernes, de 8:00 a.m. a 6:00 p.m.

Usted también puede presentar una queja con el Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos de los Estados Unidos.

Internet:

<https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>

Formas para las quejas se encuentran disponibles en:

<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>

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Si necesita ayuda para presentar su queja, por favor llame al número gratuito para miembros anotado en su tarjeta de identificación como miembro.

Ofrecemos servicios gratuitos para ayudarle a comunicarse con nosotros. Tales como, cartas en otros idiomas o en letra grande. O bien, puede solicitar un intérprete. Para pedir ayuda, por favor llame al número de teléfono gratuito para miembros que aparece en su tarjeta de identificación del plan de salud, TTY 711, de lunes a viernes, de 8:00 a.m. a 6:00 p.m.

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協助服務。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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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 مجانًا. 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.

Kru (Bassa)

TÒ ĐUỖ NÒMÒ DYÍIN CÁO: À bédé gbo-kpá-kpá bó wuḍu-dù kò-kò po-nyò bě bìi nō à gbo bó pídyi. M̄ dyi gbo-kpá-kpá m̄wín, ḍá nòbà nìà ke: 1-800-587-5187, TTY 711.

Igbo

NRỤBAMA: Ọrụ enyemaka asụsụ, n'efu, dijịrị gị. Kpọọ 1-800-587-5187, TTY 711.

Yoruba

AKIYESI: Iranlowo siso ede, o wa ni ofe fun o. Pe 1-800-587-5187, TTY 711.

Polish

UWAGA: Zapewniamy bezpłatne wsparcie tłumaczeniowe. Prosimy o kontakt telefoniczny: 1-800-587-5187, TTY 711.