



# HealthTALK

SUMMER 2019



## Did you know?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, only about half of U.S. adults meet the physical activity guidelines for aerobic exercise. A variety of fun activities like walking, dancing, swimming and more can help you get moving this summer.



## Sunny days.

### Stay safe this summer.

Summer is a great time for kids to be active and play outside. But it's important to remember that the sun's rays can be harmful. Here are a few tips to help protect you and your kids this summer:



- **Apply sunscreen.** Use sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or greater. Apply it generously 30 minutes before going outside. Also make sure the sunscreen is broad spectrum. This means it protects from both UVA and UVB rays.
- **Use sunglasses.** Sunglasses protect the eyes from UV rays. Not using proper eye protection can lead to eye problems later in life.
- **Wear a hat.** Make sure the hat covers your child's face, ears, scalp and neck.
- **Mind the time.** Try to go outside in the early morning or late afternoon. The sun's rays are less strong at these times.

# Help is here.

## Get treatment for alcohol and drug problems.

Getting treatment for substance use can help you have a better life. Help for you or someone you love can start by talking with a doctor, nurse or counselor. Here's how to start your recovery:



- **Get help right away.**
- **Take an active role.** Keep your appointments. Ask questions.
- **Find the right program.** Different kinds of help are available. Make sure the program feels right for you.
- **Get help from your family and friends.** Don't try to get better by yourself. Having people you can turn to for support and advice can help.
- **Add a support group.** Talking with others who have "been there" is very helpful. There are many types of online and in-person groups.



**Learn more.** Visit [LiveAndWorkWell.com](http://LiveAndWorkWell.com) for more information about how to get treatment for substance use disorders and mental illness. Or call the Substance Use Disorder hotline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at **1-855-780-5955, TTY 711.**

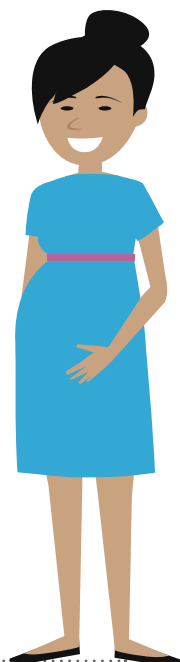
## Oh, baby!

Did you know that without prenatal care, babies are 3 times more likely to be born too small?

If you are pregnant, it's important to get early and regular prenatal care. It can help keep you and your baby healthy. You will get your weight, blood pressure and urine checked at each visit. You will listen to your baby's heartbeat. You will have tests to catch problems early.

Start seeing your provider as soon as you are pregnant. Have your first visit before your 12th week. Then, go monthly for the first 6 months. Go every 2 weeks for months 7 and 8. For the last month, see your provider every week.

Don't forget to go see your provider about a month after your baby is born. This is to make sure your recovery is going well.



**Take the first step.** UnitedHealthcare Community Plan has a program for pregnant women. It's called Healthy First Steps®. It provides information and support. All pregnant women can join. For more information, call **1-800-599-5985, TTY 711.**

## Member rights and responsibilities.

As a UnitedHealthcare Community Plan member, you have certain rights and responsibilities. Knowing and exercising your rights and responsibilities helps you receive the best care possible.

Some of your rights and responsibilities include:

- The right to receive information about your health plan and its services and providers.
- The right to be treated with respect.
- The right to use any hospital or other facility for emergency care.
- The responsibility to know and confirm your benefits before receiving treatment.
- The responsibility to show your ID card before getting care.
- The responsibility to keep your scheduled appointments.

The complete list of rights and responsibilities is sent to all members when they enroll. The list is also sent to all members each year when the Member Handbook is updated.

You are encouraged to use your rights. Speaking up about your rights is not allowed to affect the way you are treated. If you would like to get information or guidance on how to exercise specific rights, please refer to your Member Handbook.



### Know your rights.

See the complete list of member rights and responsibilities in your Member Handbook. It's available online at [myuhc.com/CommunityPlan](http://myuhc.com/CommunityPlan). Or call Member Services toll-free at **1-866-675-1607, TTY 711**, Monday–Friday, 7 a.m.–7 p.m., to request a copy of the handbook.

# Know your numbers.

## It's important to control blood pressure.

About 1 in 3 adults in the U.S. has high blood pressure. But only about half of these people have their high blood pressure under control. High blood pressure is also called hypertension. New guidelines say stage 1 hypertension starts at a blood pressure reading of 130/80 or higher.

High blood pressure usually has no symptoms. Because it can lead to serious problems, it's important to treat it. Hypertension is a leading cause of stroke, heart attack, kidney disease and congestive heart failure. There are several things you can do to control your blood pressure.

- Limit salt to less than 1,500 mg per day.
- Eat a healthy diet that is high in fruits and vegetables.
- Limit alcohol to 1 drink a day for women or 2 (or fewer) for men.
- Maintain a healthy weight.
- Stay active. Take a brisk 10-minute walk 3 times a day, 5 days a week. Check with your primary care provider (PCP) before beginning an exercise program.
- Do not smoke.
- Manage stress.



**See your doctor.** If lifestyle changes are not enough to keep your blood pressure down, your doctor may suggest medication. There are many different kinds of medicines that lower blood pressure. Be sure to keep all follow-up appointments with your doctor. Check your blood pressure often.



## Charting health.

It's important to have well-child visits with your child's primary care provider (PCP) on time. These visits may also be called checkups or Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) visits. Children need regular well-child visits as they age.

At well-child visits, your child's PCP will do an exam. The PCP will check your child's height, weight and other health measures. Your child will get any tests and vaccines they are due for.

Your PCP will also help you track your child's health. They may give you information on important topics, including:

- Sleep.
- Safety.
- Childhood diseases.
- What to expect as your child grows.



**Time for a checkup?** We're here to help you get care and treatment as quickly as possible. If you have questions, call Member Services toll-free at **1-866-675-1607, TTY 711**, Monday–Friday, 7 a.m.–7 p.m. Or visit our member website at **myuhc.com/CommunityPlan** or use the UnitedHealthcare **Health4Me®** app.





## Resource corner.

**Member Services:** Find a doctor, ask benefit questions or voice a complaint, in any language (toll-free).

**1-866-675-1607, TTY 711**

**Monday–Friday, 7 a.m.–7 p.m.**

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

**[myuhc.com/CommunityPlan](http://myuhc.com/CommunityPlan)  
Health4Me®**

**NurseLine<sup>SM</sup>:** Get health advice from a nurse 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (toll-free).

**1-877-440-9409, 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<sup>®</sup>:** Get support throughout your pregnancy (toll-free).

**1-800-599-5985, TTY 711**

**Baby Blocks<sup>™</sup>:** Get rewards for timely prenatal and well-baby care.

**[UHCBabyBlocks.com](http://UHCBabyBlocks.com)**

**KidsHealth<sup>®</sup>:** Get reliable information on health topics for and about kids.

**[KidsHealth.org](http://KidsHealth.org)**



# Getting the right care.

## Where to go for the care you need.

Choosing the right place to go when you are sick or hurt can help you be seen faster. It is important to choose a primary care provider (PCP). Make an appointment to see your PCP before you have an urgent need.

See your PCP whenever possible. Your PCP has easy access to your records, knows the bigger picture of your health and may even offer same-day appointments to meet your needs. You may want to see your PCP for needs or symptoms such as:

- Skin rash.
- Minor injuries.
- Flu shot.
- Earache.

If you cannot get in to see your PCP, you can go to an urgent care center. Urgent care centers take walk-in patients. You may want to go to urgent care for:

- Cough or cold.
- Fever or sore throat.
- Stomach pain.
- Minor cuts or burns.

Emergency rooms are for major medical emergencies only. Go there only when you think your illness or injury could result in death or disability if not treated right away.

For general health questions, call our toll-free NurseLine<sup>SM</sup> at **1-877-440-9409, TTY 711**, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Experienced registered nurses can give you information and answer questions about:

- Choosing where to get medical care.
- Finding a doctor or hospital.
- Health and wellness help.
- Medicine questions.



**We're here for you.** From scheduling a checkup to finding a doctor, you can count on us to help you get care as quickly as possible. If you have questions, please call

Member Services toll-free at **1-866-675-1607, TTY 711**, Monday–Friday, 7 a.m.–7 p.m.



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, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 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

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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, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



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

Si usted piensa que ha sido tratado injustamente por razones como su sexo, edad, raza, color, discapacidad o nacionalidad, 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 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 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:

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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 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.