



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.

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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.



Is it a stroke?

Strokes happen when a blood vessel in the brain bursts or is blocked. Depending on which brain areas are affected and how long it was before treatment began, stroke survivors may suffer mild to severe disabilities.

Symptoms.

Knowing the symptoms of stroke can help you get medical help fast. Symptoms include sudden:

- Numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg.
- Confusion, trouble speaking or understanding.
- Vision changes in one or both eyes.
- Trouble walking or staying balanced.
- Severe headache.
- Drowsiness.
- Nausea or vomiting.

Signs.

There are 3 simple tasks that can help you determine if someone is having these symptoms. If someone is having a stroke, they may not be able to:

- Smile.
- Raise both arms.
- Coherently speak a simple sentence.



Act fast. Call 911

at the first sign of a possible stroke. Quick treatment is essential.

Learn more. Visit [LiveAndWorkWell.com](https://www.liveandworkwell.com) for more information about how to get treatment for substance use disorders and mental illness.



Pre-check the script.

Know your drug benefits.

Your doctor has a new tool that makes prescribing medications quicker and easier. It's called PreCheck MyScript. This tool gives doctors real-time access to the prescription options that best fit you.

PreCheck MyScript matches your plan, your covered medications and your preferred pharmacy. By connecting these systems, this tool helps you be the best advocate for the getting care you deserve. You can ask your doctor to tell you about your prescription choices based on your condition, costs and coverage. In most cases, any prescriptions that need prior authorization can be approved before you leave your appointment. Using PreCheck MyScript during your doctor's visit may also reduce delays at the pharmacy.



We've got you covered. To learn more about your pharmacy benefits, visit myuhc.com/CommunityPlan. Or call Member Services toll-free at **1-800-903-5253**, TTY 711.

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.

Well-child visits keep track of growth and development.

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 **1-800-903-5253, TTY 711**. 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).
1-800-903-5253, TTY 711

Our website and app: Find a provider, read your Member Handbook or see your ID card, wherever you are.
myuhc.com/CommunityPlan
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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).
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Measles in Michigan.

Is your child protected?

Measles is contagious and can spread quickly. So far this year, more than 250 cases of measles have been confirmed in 15 states, including Michigan. Cases of measles were recently found in Oakland County, Michigan.

Children and anyone else who is not protected against measles can get sick. It is important to be up-to-date on vaccinations, including before traveling abroad.

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 the MMR vaccine:

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

Your child's doctor may offer the MMRV vaccine, which protects against measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (chickenpox). Your child's doctor can help you decide which shot to use.

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



It's your best shot. Is your child due for a vaccine?

Check their vaccination record. You can visit the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) myHealthPortal to view and download a copy of your immunization record from the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR) at **myhb.state.mi.us/myHBPublic**.



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, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 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, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

ATTENTION: If you speak English, language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you.
Call **1-800-903-5253, TTY 711.**

ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística.
Llame al **1-800-903-5253, TTY 711.**

تنبيه: إذا كنت تتحدث العربية، تتوفر لك خدمات المساعدة اللغوية مجاناً. اتصل على الرقم **1-800-903-5253**، الهاتف النصي **711**.

注意: 如果您說中文，您可獲得免費語言協助服務。請致電**1-800-903-5253**或聽障專線 (TTY) **711**。

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LƯU Ý: Nếu quý vị nói Tiếng Việt, chúng tôi có các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí cho quý vị. Vui lòng gọi số **1-800-903-5253, TTY 711.**

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참고: 한국어를 하시는 경우, 통역 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. **1-800-903-5253, TTY 711**로 전화 하십시오.

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UWAGA: jeżeli mówisz po polsku, możesz skorzystać z usługi bezpłatnej pomocy językowej pod numerem telefonu **1-800-903-5253, TTY 711.**

HINWEIS: Wenn Sie Deutsch sprechen, stehen Ihnen kostenlose Sprachendienste zur Verfügung. Wählen Sie **1-800-903-5253, TTY-Gerät 711.**

ATTENZIONE: se parla italiano, Le vengono messi gratuitamente a disposizione servizi di assistenza linguistica.
Chiami il numero **1-800-903-5253, TTY 711.**

ご注意: 日本語をお話しになる場合は、言語支援サービスを無料でご利用いただけます。電話番号 **1-800-903-5253**、または **TTY 711** (聴覚障害者・難聴者の方用) までご連絡ください。

ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите по-русски, вы можете воспользоваться бесплатными услугами переводчика.
Звоните по тел. **1-800-903-5253, TTY 711.**

PAŽNJA: Ako govorite srpsko-hrvatski, možete dobiti besplatnu pomoć za usluge jezika. Pozovite **1-800-903-5253, TTY 711.**

ATENSYON: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, may magagamit kang mga serbisyo ng pantulong sa wika, nang walang bayad. Tumawag sa **1-800-903-5253, TTY 711.**