



THE KEY TO A GOOD LIFE IS A GREAT PLAN

HealthTALK



Did you know?

About 20 percent of teens are obese. So are about 17 percent of children aged 6 to 11.



Don't start

5 facts about kids and smoking

About 5.6 million kids who are under 18 today will die early from smoking. These deaths can be prevented. Prevention begins in childhood. Consider these facts:

1. Nine out of 10 smokers started before age 19.
2. Every day, 3,900 teens try their first cigarette.
3. One quarter of teens who try smoking will become daily smokers.
4. One in three of these teen smokers will die of a smoking-related disease.
5. People who smoke die a decade before nonsmokers.



Set a good example. You can quit smoking for good with the right help. Get telephone support and information from the Michigan Tobacco Quit line at **1-800-784-8669 (1-800-QUIT-NOW)**. Or get online resources and sign up for text support at **smokefree.gov**.

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Baby Blocks

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members can earn great rewards with the Baby Blocks program. It is for pregnant moms and infants.

Staying healthy starts by going to the doctor. Your doctor can make sure baby is growing well. After your baby is born, the doctor can help you keep him or her safe and healthy.

You can get appointment reminders by text or e-mail. You can also get rewards for going to your appointments and well-baby appointments after the baby is born.

Learn more and sign up at **UHCBabyBlocks.com**.



What to expect

Remember your postpartum checkup.

It's easy for a new mom to neglect her own health. But it's very important to see your doctor or midwife six weeks after you give birth. Your appointment should be 21–56 days after delivery. If you had a Cesarean section, you should also go two weeks after you give birth. At your postpartum checkup, your provider will:

- check to make sure you are healing well from childbirth
- screen you for postpartum depression
- do a pelvic exam
- let you know if you are ready to start having sex again
- talk about birth control options
- answer questions about breast-feeding and examine your breasts



Pregnant? Join Healthy First Steps. This free program provides support and information. Call **1-877-813-3417 (TTY 711)** to learn more.

Ask Dr. Health E. Hound

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



A: Lead is a naturally occurring metal. It can be found in many places. It's common in older homes, in soil near busy roads, and in some imported products. Children can inhale or swallow lead.

Lead poisoning can cause serious problems. It can affect your 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 before your child turns 1 year old and again before your child turns 2. The test is done on a few drops of blood. If the test finds lead, there are treatments that can help. Cleaning up sources of lead can prevent lead poisoning from getting worse.



Learn more. Read about lead poisoning and other children's health topics at **KidsHealth.org**.

The right care

How utilization management works

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan does utilization management (UM). All managed care health plans do. It's how we make sure our members are getting the right care at the right time and in the right place.

A doctor reviews all coverage requests when the care does not seem to meet guidelines. Approval or denial decisions are based on care and service as well as your benefits. The decisions are not made because of financial or other rewards.

Members and doctors have the right to appeal denials. The denial letter will tell you how to appeal. The appeal request must be submitted within 90 days of the denial.

 **Questions?** You can talk to our UM staff. Just call **1-800-903-5253 (TTY 711)**, toll-free.



5 facts about chlamydia

1. Chlamydia is the most commonly diagnosed sexually transmitted infection. Both men and women can get it.
2. The bacteria that cause chlamydia are spread through sex. Using condoms can reduce the risk.
3. Chlamydia doesn't usually have any symptoms. Experts recommend sexually active women and teens aged 25 and younger get tested for it each year. Testing can be done on urine.
4. Chlamydia can be cured with antibiotics. Both partners should be treated. You should not have sex until treatment is complete.
5. If not treated, chlamydia can cause infertility. It can be passed to a baby at childbirth. It can also cause pregnancy complications or other serious problems.



Your partner in health


Your primary care provider (PCP) is the person you turn to when you are sick. He or she provides or coordinates your health care. But your PCP also wants to see you when you are well. Well visits help you and your provider get to know each other. They are also a good time for:

- important screenings and tests
- needed immunizations
- checking on chronic conditions
- monitoring medications you take
- coordinating care given by any specialists you see
- counseling about a healthy lifestyle
- discussions about mental health, substance use, safety and other topics

When you see your PCP, tell him or her about:

- any medications or supplements you take
- any other providers you see, such as specialists or alternative providers
- any tests or treatments you have had
- any mental health or substance abuse treatment you get

Well visits are covered at no cost to you. Has it been more than a year since your last well visit? Call your PCP to make an appointment today.

 **See your PCP.** You should feel comfortable with your PCP. If you are not, choose a new one. Visit myuhc.com/CommunityPlan or use the Health4Me app. Or call Member Services toll-free at **1-800-903-5253 (TTY 711)**.





By the book

Have you read your Member Handbook? It is a great source of information. It tells you how to use your plan. It explains:

- the benefits and services you have
- the benefits and services you don't have (exclusions)
- how to find network providers
- how your prescription drug benefits work
- what to do if you need care when you are out of town
- when and how you can get care from an out-of-network provider
- your member rights and responsibilities
- our privacy policy
- if, when and how you may need to submit a claim
- where, when and how to get primary, after-hours, behavioral health, specialty, hospital and emergency care
- how to voice a complaint or appeal a coverage decision
- how to request an interpreter or get other help with language or translation
- how the plan decides if new treatments or technologies are covered
- how to report fraud and abuse



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)

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Twitter Pregnant Care Get useful tips, info on what to expect and important pregnancy reminders.

[@UHCPregnantCare](https://twitter.com/UHCPregnantCare)

[@UHCEmbarazada](https://twitter.com/UHCEmbarazada)

bit.ly/uhc-pregnancy

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

myuhc.com/CommunityPlan

Health4Me

KidsHealth Get reliable information on health topics about and for children and teens.

KidsHealth.org



Get it all. You can read the Member Handbook online at **myuhc.com/CommunityPlan**. Or call Member Services toll-free at **1-800-903-5253 (TTY 711)** to request a copy of the handbook.

We've got you covered

You can find UnitedHealthcare Community Plan in 65 counties. That means you have access to doctors, hospitals and services in most of Lower Michigan.



Want to learn more? Call Member Services at **1-800-903-5253 (TTY 711)**. Or visit **myuhc.com/CommunityPlan** to find a doctor, hospital or other services throughout Michigan.