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UCare expands UCare Connect + Medicare plan to 62 counties in 2020

New supplemental benefits added to 2020 Special Needs Plans

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 14, 2019 — [UCare](#) is expanding the reach of its market-leading UCare Connect + Medicare plans that integrate Medicaid and Medicare benefits for people with disabilities. In 2020, the 62-county service area (see map) will match the UCare Connect (Special Needs BasicCare) service area. UCare Connect is a plan for people with disabilities enrolled in Medicaid. The service area expansion of UCare Connect + Medicare will ease the transition of eligible members to this integrated plan.

[UCare](#), a community-based, nonprofit health plan, currently offers three types of Special Needs Plans (SNPs): UCare Connect, UCare Connect + Medicare and UCare's Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO) (HMO SNP). The health plan serves the most SNP plan members in the most counties of any health plan in Minnesota.

New 2020 supplemental benefits for UCare Connect + Medicare include:

- **Dental** – scaling and planing coverage
- **Vision** – Anti-glare lens coating
- **Foot care** – monthly visit with a podiatrist (with no diagnosis requirements)

New 2020 supplemental benefits for MSHO include:

- **Dental** – two crowns/year
- **Transportation** – rides to Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)/Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meetings for members with substance use disorder
- **Vision** – Anti-glare lens coating
- **Safety** - \$450 annual bath safety equipment allowance and Independent Living Skills training for members with Elderly Waivers

