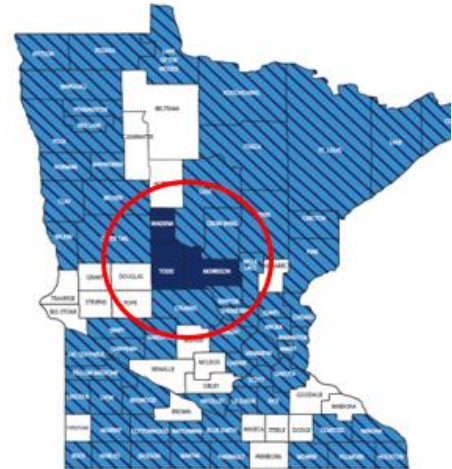


UCare’s Connect + Medicare plan for people with disabilities expands to three central Minnesota counties in 2022

Health plan will be one of two options in Morrison, Todd and Wadena counties

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 8, 2021 — Starting Jan. 1, 2022, [UCare Connect + Medicare](#), UCare’s Special Needs BasicCare plan for adults (age 18-64) with certified disabilities eligible for Medicaid and Medicare, will serve individuals in a total of 65 counties – with the addition of Morrison, Todd and Wadena counties. There are about 500 individuals eligible for this plan in the region. Members of any Special Needs BasicCare plans, as well as the Medicaid-only [UCare Connect](#) plan for adults with certified disabilities, will now be able to enroll in the dual plan. The two UCare plans will have matching service areas in 2022.



[UCare](#), a community-based, nonprofit health plan, currently serves a total of 15,604 members in these three counties. UCare plans available in these counties include Medicare, MinnesotaCare, UCare Connect, Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO), Minnesota Senior Care Plus, Families & Children (Prepaid Medical Assistance Program) and Individual & Family Plans (on MNsure).

“We are excited to welcome new UCare Connect + Medicare members in 2022 and provide them with comprehensive UCare coverage and care coordination,” said Ghita Worcester, Senior Vice President of Public Affairs and Chief Marketing Officer. “We pioneered plans for Minnesotans with disabilities, and continue to work closely with our network of high-quality providers, counties, community partners and most important – our members – to tailor benefits to support each individual’s health goals.”

Among the chief benefits of UCare Connect + Medicare are combined Medicaid and Medicare coverage such as one card to use for medical, dental and drug coverage, and one phone number to call with coverage questions. Members have access to a Dental

Connection phone line for help scheduling dental appointments, expanded supplemental dental benefits, and the accessible UCare Mobile Dental Clinic. UCare's Keep Your Coverage program helps members retain their eligibility. They also receive no-cost transportation to health care appointments; savings on health clubs, fitness classes and healthy foods; and preventive care incentives. In addition, members of this plan have expanded medication management support and eyewear coverage.

About UCare

[UCare](#) is an independent, nonprofit health plan providing health care and administrative services to more than 570,000 members throughout Minnesota and parts of western Wisconsin. UCare partners with health care providers, counties, and community organizations to create and deliver Medicare, Medicaid and Individual & Family health plans. All of its plans are National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) accredited.

The health plan addresses health care disparities and care access issues through a broad array of community initiatives. UCare has received Top Workplaces honors from the Star Tribune for 12 consecutive years since the rankings began in 2010.

UCare's UCare's Connect + Medicare (HMO D-SNP) is a health plan that contracts with both Medicare and the Minnesota Medical Assistance (Medicaid) program to provide benefits of both programs to enrollees. Enrollment in UCare's Connect + Medicare depends on contract renewal.

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