



Your 2025 guide to UCare Connect + Medicare

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Thanks for choosing UCare.

Our goal is to help you live well every day. We're the can-doers. A team of go-getters working hard to make sure you get the care and coverage you need when you need it.

We created this guide with you in mind. It will help you make the most of your plan and the many health and wellness benefits it provides. Keep it as a handy resource as you explore all your UCare Connect + Medicare plan has to offer.

We're glad you're here.



Quick reference

UCare Mental Health and Substance Use Services Triage Line

For crisis support or ongoing help to manage mental health and substance use.

1-833-276-1185
TTY 1-800-688-2534
8 am – 5 pm, Monday – Friday

ucare.org/mentalservices

UCare Dental Connection

1-855-209-3155
TTY 1-800-466-7566
8 am – 5 pm, Monday – Friday

ucare.org/dentalconnection

DentaQuest

ucare.org/dental

UCare Health Ride

1-800-864-2157
TTY 1-800-688-2534
7 am – 8 pm, Monday – Friday

ucare.org/healthride

UCare 24/7 Nurse Line

1-800-942-7858
TTY 1-855-307-6976

Maternal and Child Health Program Line

1-855-260-9708
TTY 711

Quit Smoking and Vaping Program

1-855-260-9713
TTY 711
24 hours a day, seven days a week

myquitforlife.com/ucare

Disability Hub MN

A resource that helps you solve problems, navigate the system and plan for your future.

1-866-333-2466
TTY 711
8:30 am – 5 pm, Monday – Friday

disabilityhubmn.org

UCare Keep Your Coverage Program

1-855-307-6978
TTY 1-800-688-2534
8 am – 5 pm, Monday – Friday

Healthy Benefits+ Visa® card

1-833-862-8276
TTY 711
healthybenefitsplus.com/ucare

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Not sure where to start?

Call UCare Connect + Medicare Customer Service and they will help answer your questions.

612-676-3310 or 1-855-260-9707
TTY 1-800-688-2534
8 am – 8 pm, seven days a week

Everything you need to know to start using your plan

Your secure online member account

Go to ucare.org/connectplusaccount to set up your account if you're new to our health plans. If your plan covers more than one person, each person will need a unique email address and password for your privacy and protection.

Tip: Have your full UCare member ID number available when creating your account. That number is on your member ID card or can be provided by calling customer service.

Benefits of having an online member account

Easily create your secure online member account to:

- Send and receive secure messages with customer service and a web nurse
- Search your provider and pharmacy network
- Search the list of drugs (formulary) your plan covers
- Download or request a physical member ID card
- See your plan materials
- Access important health and wellness information
- Manage your contact information
- Pay your monthly plan premiums online and view your premium invoice and payment history
- View and track your claims



To create or login to your online member account, visit ucare.org/connectplusaccount or scan this code using the camera on your phone.

Explore the Medicaid member center

Get the most out of your plan with our member resources.



Check out what's new with our plans

Discover new benefits and programs added to our Medicaid (Medical Assistance) plans.



Prepare for Medicaid renewal

Learn how to stay covered and where to go for help with the renewal eligibility process.



Review health plan documents

Access important plan documents like your Summary of Benefits and Member Handbook*.



To explore your member resources, visit ucare.org/medicaidmember or scan this code using the camera on your phone.

Understand your member materials

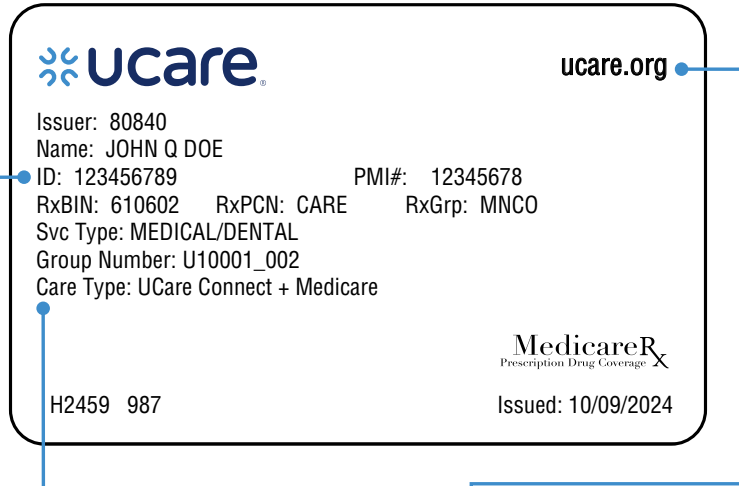
It's important to know what's included in your health plan. Here are a few resources that can help:

- **Member Handbook:** Gives you detailed information about what is covered by your plan, including your member rights and responsibilities. It is also known as the Evidence of Coverage.
- **Provider and pharmacy directory:** Lists the doctors, dentists, pharmacies, hospitals and chiropractors in our network. It includes details on specialty, languages spoken, ADA accessibility, new patient availability and more.
- **List of covered drugs (formulary):** Lists what drugs your plan covers
- **Summary of Benefits:** Lists your cost for services at in-network providers, and the limitations, exceptions and benefit rules

*If you prefer a print version of your plan materials, contact customer service and we'll mail one free of charge.

Using your member ID card

Your member identification (ID) card is key to helping you get the care you need. This important tool helps health care providers understand your coverage.



Plan name

The name of your specific plan

UCare website

Access the member site and helpful information

Member ID number

Secure number unique to you


Contact information

Numbers to know, including customer service and Nurse Line numbers

One Pass® fitness program

One Pass fitness logo shows you're eligible for this benefit

FOR MEMBER USE - For emergency care go to the nearest hospital or call 911.
Customer Service: 612-676-3310 or 1-855-260-9707, **TTY:** 612-676-6810 or 1-800-688-2534
UCare 24/7 Nurse Line: 1-800-942-7858 or **TTY:** 1-855-307-6976
DentaQuest Customer Service: 855-209-3155
Mental Health and Substance Use Services: 612-676-6533 or 1-833-276-1185
Appeals and Grievances: UCare Plan 612-676-6841 or 1-877-523-1517, fax 612-844-2021 or 1-866-283-8015, **TTY:** 612-676-6810 or 1-800-688-2534 State of MN - DHS Appeals Unit, P.O. Box 64941, St. Paul, MN 55164 Managed Care Ombudsman - 1-651-431-2660 or 1-800-657-3729, **TTY** 711

FOR PROVIDER USE - MN primary claims must be submitted electronically.
For outside MN submit claims to UCare, P.O. Box 70, Minneapolis, MN 55440-0070.
Prescription drug claims must be submitted electronically to Navitus. 
Navitus Pharmacy Help Desk: 1-833-837-4300
Submit chiropractic claims to: Fulcrum Health, Inc., P.O. Box 981808, El Paso, TX 79998-1808
Provider Assistance Center: 612-676-3300 or 1-888-531-1493
Dental: Delta Dental of Minnesota, P.O. Box 9120, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9120



Tips for using your card

Check your new member ID card to make sure your information is correct. Here are a few other tips:

- Always carry your card with you
- Discard your old member ID card
- Provide your current health care providers and pharmacies with your new member ID card information
- Have your card handy whenever you call us
- If your card is lost, download or request a replacement through your online member account or call customer service

Find care in your network

Search for in-network care

It's easy to find a doctor and your prescription drugs. Go to search.ucare.org to browse through the online directory to find in-network care. Use this tool to find:



People

Doctors, specialists, chiropractors and other kinds of care



Places

Hospitals, clinics, home health care, hospice, urgent care and more



Pharmacies

Retail pharmacies in network



Drug list

Covered prescription drugs and restrictions



Statement of authorized representation

Although we understand your family is concerned about you, we cannot release information to family members calling on your behalf unless you have a signed Statement of Representative form listing the family member(s) who can act for you on file with UCare. Visit ucare.org/member-documents or call the customer service number on page three of this guide to learn more.

Online search tool FAQs

Why do I start by choosing a plan?

We want to make sure that members who use the tool are viewing only people, places and pharmacies that provide services for their plan. Selecting the plan choice first is the best way to ensure this occurs.

What if I don't know my plan?

There are three ways you can quickly get your plan name:

- **Member ID card:** The name of your specific plan is listed under "Care Type."
- **Online member account:** Sign in at ucare.org/connectplusaccount. Once you've logged into your secure online member account, click on the "My Policy" section on the dashboard. From there you'll be able to access your plan benefits, including plan name and related information.
- **Customer service:** Call us. We're always happy to help!

When entering a location, do I need to select one of the options that appears in the resulting drop-down box?

Yes — this tool uses Google location technology. You will get best results by selecting one of the location options presented. Also, this tool uses countrywide location capabilities, so make sure you select the correct city and state.



Health care directives

A health care directive is a written document that informs others of your wishes about your health care. Contact your health care provider or attorney or call 1-800-333-2433 (TTY users call 711) to learn more. A suggested health care directive form is available online at ucare.org/advance-directives.

If you have questions, call the customer service number on the back of your member ID card.

Getting the right care at the right place

By understanding your coverage options, you can make informed choices and stay in control of your health care. Use this guide to ensure you get the right level of care at the right time.

Nurse Line



Speak with a nurse, available 24/7, for:

- Reliable guidance when you have a health concern
- Advice on what level of care is needed

Call 1-800-942-7858 (TTY 1-855-307-6976), 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Online care



Available 24/7 for common conditions like:

- Acne
- Allergies
- Cold, cough and flu
- Pink eye
- Bug bites
- Ear pain

Online care is available at **virtuwell.com**.

Convenience care



Walk-in or virtual visits to convenience clinics, often in retail stores, grocery stores and pharmacies, for common injuries and illnesses like:

- Ear infections
- Sinus infection and congestion
- Vaccinations
- Strep throat
- Small blisters and cuts
- Urinary tract and bladder infections

Primary care



The best choice for most of the care you need, like:

- Preventive (checkups, vaccines and immunizations)
- New symptoms or long-standing (chronic) conditions
- Follow-up care after an illness or hospital stay
- Medication management

Urgent care



Immediate but non-life-threatening care for things like:

- Back pain, migraines and headaches
- Broken bones, sprains and strains
- Minor burns, cuts, lacerations, rashes and infections
- Asthma, bronchitis and respiratory infections

Emergency care



Go to the nearest emergency room or call 911 for life-threatening situations like:

- Heart attack symptoms (chest pain, shortness of breath or loss of consciousness)
- Head trauma or sudden confusion
- Major burns, open wound fractures and heavy bleeding
- Stroke symptoms (slurred speech, sudden weakness, vision loss and dizziness)

Plan highlights

Drug benefits

Check your drug coverage

Keep your costs low by making sure your prescription drugs are on the UCare Connect + Medicare list of covered drugs (also called a formulary). You can check the drug list at search.ucare.org. Select “Drug List” from the menu at the top of the page, then “See Medicaid plans,” and choose your specific plan from the “Select your plan” menu. The drug list is updated monthly.

For the 2025 plan year, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved UCare to eliminate Part D copays and cost sharing as part of the Value-Based Insurance Design program. This program lets CMS and UCare try new ways to improve. That means prescription drugs included in the UCare Connect + Medicare list of covered drugs will come at no cost to you! If you have a prescription for a drug that’s not on the drug list, you will have to pay, so talk to your doctor about which drugs are covered and the prescriptions you need.

Filling prescriptions

Fill your prescriptions nationwide at one of our 63,000 network pharmacies. To find a network pharmacy near you, use the search network tool at search.ucare.org.

How your prescription is filled is up to you. You have three choices:

- Have your doctor send your prescription to a pharmacy in your plan network
- Take the written prescription to a pharmacy in your plan network
- Use Costco Mail Order Pharmacy

Costco Mail Order Pharmacy

You can save time with free home delivery from Costco Mail Order Pharmacy. You don't need to be a Costco member to use this service. Call Costco Mail Order Pharmacy at 1-800-607-6861 (TTY users call 711) or visit their website at pharmacy.costco.com to learn more and sign up.

Dental services

Get the best benefit by using a dentist in the DentaQuest network. Visit ucare.org/dental or see your Member Handbook for more information. Covered benefits include many diagnostic, preventive and restorative services.

Supplemental dental benefits

In addition to your covered Medicaid dental benefits, as a UCare Connect + Medicare member you also have access to the following covered benefits through a UCare DentaQuest provider:

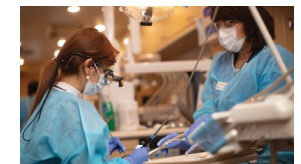
- Two dental crowns per year (limits may apply)
- One additional dental crown repair per year
- One comprehensive oral evaluation per year
- One additional full mouth x-ray per year
- One additional panoramic film per year
- One additional session of gross removal of plaque per year

UCare Dental Connection

UCare Dental Connection can help you find a dental provider and schedule general and specialty dental care. They can also set up rides and interpreter services for appointments and answer dental benefit and claim questions. Call UCare Dental Connection at 1-855-209-3155 (TTY users call 1-800-466-7566), 8 am – 5 pm, Monday – Friday, or visit ucare.org/dentalconnection.

UCare Mobile Dental Clinic

Our Mobile Dental Clinic offers dental check-ups, cleanings and basic restorative care. Visit ucare.org/mdc to see scheduled dates and locations. Call 1-866-451-1555 (TTY users call 1-800-627-3529), 8 am – 4:30 pm, Monday – Friday to schedule an appointment.





Disease management support

Members with certain health conditions can get help from our disease management programs. UCare offers health coaching services to members with a history of, or who are at risk for, chronic conditions such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), chronic kidney disease, asthma or diabetes.

Call the UCare disease management line at 612-676-6539 or 1-866-863-8303 (TTY users call 612-676-6810 or 1-800-688-2534).

Vision care

In addition to regularly covered vision care and eyewear, UCare Connect + Medicare members may receive the following eyewear upgrades*:

- Anti-reflective lens coating
- Photochromic tinting
- Tinted lenses
- Progressive lenses
- Eyewear upgrade replacement due to loss, theft or damage

*Each benefit can be used one time per year.

Preventive care

We want to help you understand and take advantage of your preventive coverage for things like routine exams, flu shots and annual wellness visits. Your UCare plan covers many in-network preventive screenings and services at no cost to you. You may be able to earn rewards when you complete certain screenings, tests or exams. Visit ucare.org/connectplusrewards to learn more.

What is preventive care?

Preventive care lets your doctor find potential health problems before you feel sick, when many issues are easier to treat. This is why it's important to visit your doctor regularly to stay healthy.

Vaccines

Your plan covers flu, COVID-19 and pneumonia vaccines. Talk with your doctor or other health care provider to see if you need these or other shots. Some additional vaccines, including the shingles vaccine, are covered by Part D prescription drug coverage.

Preventive health services

Your coverage includes many important preventive screenings to help you be well. They're offered at no cost to you. They include an annual physical exam, pap test, diabetes exams, cholesterol tests, mammograms and prostate and colon cancer screenings.

Transportation to covered services

UCare Health Ride provides no-cost transportation to and from:

- Covered medical, dental and pharmacy visits (distance limits apply)
- Your county or Tribal office or a MNsure Navigator Agency
- OnePass fitness locations (three round-trip rides per week)
- Healthy food allowance retailers for eligible members (one round-trip ride per week)*
- Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous meetings for eligible members (seven round-trip rides per week)*

Depending on your needs and location, transportation options include:



Public bus or light rail

For members who live on a participating bus or light rail line. Call to request passes 14 business days in advance. Monthly passes are available for qualifying members.



Taxi or volunteer driver

For members who do not live on a bus or light rail line. Call Health Ride at least two business days before your appointment to schedule.



Special transportation services

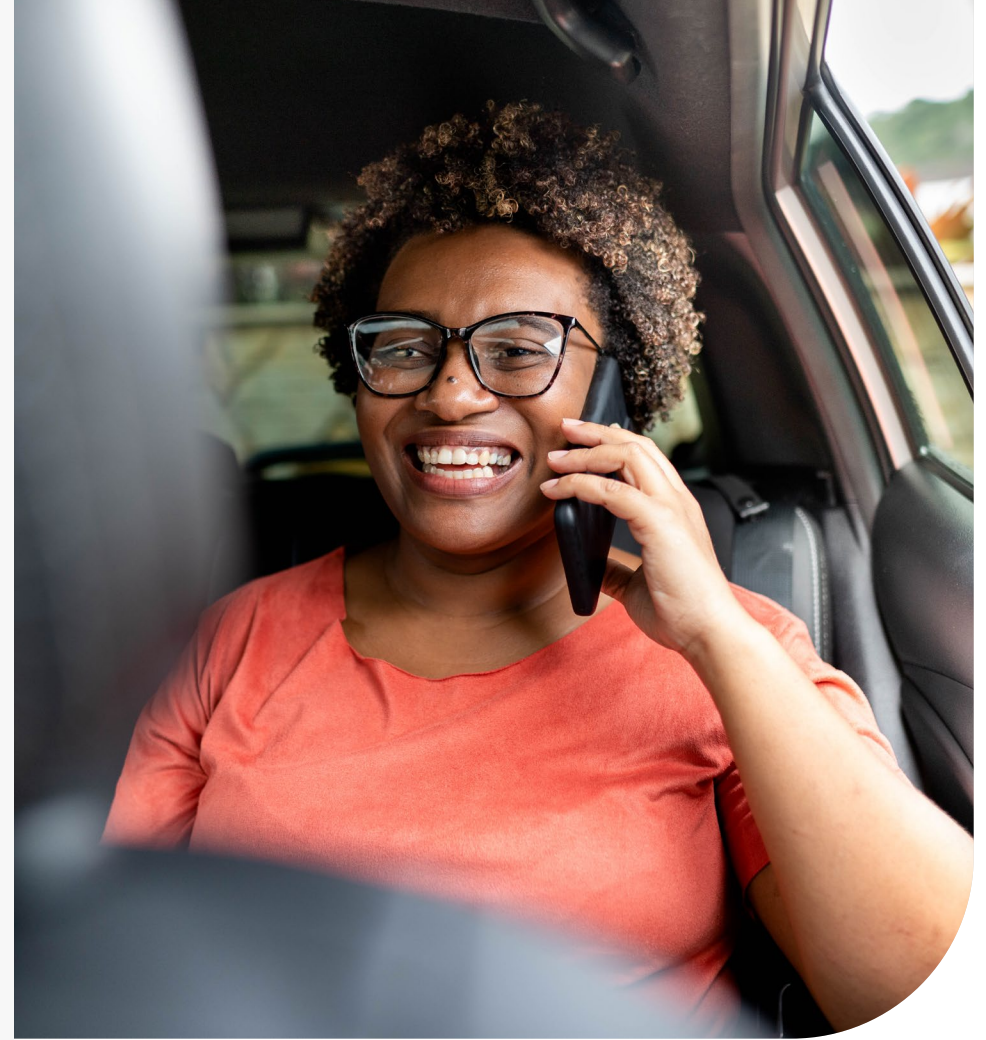
For members who cannot safely use a bus, cab or volunteer driver due to a mental health condition or physical impairment. Call Health Ride at least two business days before your appointment to schedule.



Mileage reimbursement for driving yourself

If you have your own car, contact your county or Tribal department of human services to talk about reimbursement options.

To learn more or schedule transportation call UCare Health Ride at 1-800-864-2157 (TTY users call 1-800-688-2534), 7 am – 8 pm, Monday – Friday, or visit ucare.org/healthride.



*Contact your care coordinator for more information and to access these rides.

Member programs and resources

More ways to improve your health. These programs and resources go beyond your covered benefits.

Healthy Benefits+ Visa card

Your Healthy Benefits+ Visa card offers the flexibility and convenience of one card for:

- Over-the-counter (OTC) allowance
- Grocery discounts
- Healthy food allowance (for members with chronic conditions)
- Community education class allowance
- Rewards and incentives



Your Healthy Benefits+ card is reloadable each year and is valid until the expiration date or you're no longer a UCare member. Be sure to keep your card, as you won't be sent a new one each year. Allowance amounts and expiration dates vary by program.

To learn more, check your card balance or request a replacement card, visit healthybenefitsplus.com/ucare or call 1-833-862-8276 (TTY users call 711). You can also access your benefits anywhere, anytime, by downloading the free Healthy Benefits+ mobile app through the App Store or Google Play.

Over-the-counter allowance

You get a \$60 quarterly allowance loaded onto your Healthy Benefits+ card to purchase eligible health items at participating retailers. Eligible items include cough drops, first aid supplies, pain relief, sinus medications, toothpaste and much more. The allowance expires at the end of each quarter.

Grocery discount

Get discounts on healthy foods like milk, whole-grain bread, lean meat, eggs, yogurt, fruits, vegetables and more at participating grocery stores. Weekly discounts are pre-loaded onto your Healthy Benefits+ card. Simply scan your card or use the Healthy Benefits+ app when paying to access your discount.

Healthy food allowance

Members diagnosed with diabetes, hypertension or lipid disorders receive a \$75 monthly healthy food allowance on their Healthy Benefits+ card. You can use the allowance to buy healthy foods and produce. Approved items like fruit, vegetables, healthy grains, dairy, beans and more can be purchased at participating retailers like Cub or Walmart. Scan your card or use the Healthy Benefits+ app at checkout. The allowance expires at the end of each month.

Community education class allowance

You get a \$100 quarterly allowance loaded onto your Healthy Benefits+ card to use toward most community education classes nationwide. To find a class, check a local community education catalog or contact a local school district for times and locations. When enrolling in the class, use your Healthy Benefits+ card when you check out in person, over the phone or online. The allowance expires at the end of each quarter. UCare isn't able to reimburse for classes that are paid for without the Healthy Benefits+ card.

Mental Health and Substance Use Services

At UCare, we offer mental health and substance use support to members of all ages — at no additional cost. We can help find resources for you or your loved one and connect you to support and services, including case management, counseling, individual and group therapy and community resources. We'll also connect you with services and support that are specific to your individual needs and culture.

Our mental health and substance use team will provide support for you or a loved one through our triage line at no additional cost to you. Call us or visit ucare.org/mentalservices for help finding resources, scheduling appointments, meeting your health goals or other mental health needs. Call 612-676-6533 or 1-833-276-1185 (TTY users call 1-800-688-2534), 8 am – 5 pm, Monday – Friday. An after-hours line is available outside of business hours and on weekends.

Care coordination

Your plan includes the services of a care coordinator who can help you get the health care you need. Your care coordinator can help arrange preventive care, find a doctor, make referrals for you, and find wellness programs and other services. If you are new to UCare Connect + Medicare, you should receive a welcome letter with your care coordinator's contact information. To learn more, call the customer service number on page three of this guide.

Health risk assessment

When you first join UCare Connect + Medicare, your care coordinator will contact you to offer a health risk assessment (HRA). Your HRA is a review of your medical history and current conditions. It's used to learn about your health and determine what services and support you want and need. Together, you and your care coordinator will make a support plan.

Care setting transitions

Changes in your health and level of care required can happen any time. If you need to move from one care setting (such as your home, hospital or nursing home) to another, or need help setting up home-based services, your care coordinator can:

- Help coordinate your move
- Share your support plan with the care team
- Assist with ordering equipment and support services
- Help you with follow-up appointments and other needs

Post-discharge support following an inpatient stay

You can get extra support from UCare after a hospital stay. Talk to your care coordinator to see how you can access:

- Post-discharge medication reconciliation with a pharmacist
- Two meals a day for up to four weeks following discharge
- Four individualized readmission prevention sessions with a community health worker. This includes education, a safety assessment and resource coordination.

Support for caregivers

In addition to the support you receive from your care coordinator, M Health Fairview's Caregiver Assurance Program™ provides support and resources if you have a caregiver helping you with day-to-day living tasks. Your caregiver will be paired with a licensed advisor trained in aging and caregiving.

Your membership includes 12 no-cost visits for your caregiver, and gives them access to:

- Financial support resources
- Emotional support
- Problem-solving help
- Guidance for self-care and stress management
- Connections to financial aid

Contact your care coordinator or call 612-672-7996 (TTY users call 711) to get started.

Pain management

Qualifying members can access the following pain management benefits:

- **Therapeutic massage:** Six visits (60-minutes each) per year to a UCare network massage therapist for members with back pain, neck and shoulder pain, headache, carpal tunnel syndrome, osteoarthritis or fibromyalgia
- **Acupuncture:** Up to 12 additional visits of acupuncture per year for acute low back pain
- **Routine chiropractic:** Up to 12 additional visits per year — includes exams and adjustment of extremities for members with musculoskeletal disorders

Talk to your care coordinator for more information.

Pregnancy resources

Pregnant UCare Connect + Medicare members get extra health benefits. UCare wants you to have a great pregnancy and a healthy baby!

Maternal and Child Health Program Line

Call the Maternal and Child Health Program Line for answers during pregnancy or after delivering your baby. The Maternal and Child Health team can support you with:

- Referrals to pregnancy, postpartum or NICU Care Management services
- UCare resources for during and after pregnancy
- Connections to community resources such as WIC and the home visitation program

To reach the Maternal and Child Health team, call 612-676-3326 or 1-855-260-9708 (TTY users call 711). Leave a voicemail with your name, member ID and phone number and your call will be returned within one business day.

Management of Maternity Services (MOMS) Program

Our Management of Maternity Services (MOMS) Program offers you important information and resources to help you stay healthy during and after pregnancy. Learn about breast feeding, childbirth and pregnancy education classes. For more information, call customer service or go to ucare.org/momsprogram.

Seats, Education and Travel Safety (SEATS) Program

You may be eligible for a no-cost car seat through UCare's Seats, Education and Travel Safety (SEATS) Program. Eligible UCare members who are either pregnant or children under age nine can get a car seat with safety education. Call customer service to find the name and phone number of a partnering agency near you.

Quit Smoking and Vaping Program

Learn how to stop smoking, vaping or chewing tobacco at no charge with our tobacco and nicotine quit line. Nicotine patches, gum or lozenges are also available to eligible UCare members. Get help to kick the habit from the comfort of your own home by:

- Calling the tobacco and nicotine quit line at 1-855-260-9713 (TTY users call 711), available 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- Visiting myquitforlife.com/ucare
- Downloading the Rally Coach Quit For Life mobile app

Keep Your Coverage Program

It's important to keep your Medicaid eligibility in place so your UCare Connect + Medicare coverage continues without gaps in health care or services. To remain eligible for Medicaid, paperwork from your county or Tribe must be completed and sent in on time. You may also need to report certain changes during the year, like if you move or get a new job.

Call the UCare Keep Your Coverage help line at 612-676-3438 or 1-855-307-6978 (TTY users call 612-676-6810), 8 am – 5 pm, Monday – Friday, or email keepyourcoverage@ucare.org.

Medication Therapy Management

It's always a good idea to check that you're taking the right medication or supplements each year. You can take your health care routine a step further with our Medication Therapy Management (MTM) program. Specially trained pharmacists will review all your medications to ensure they are safe, effective, affordable and easy to use — at no additional cost to you.

Call to schedule an appointment with a UCare pharmacist at 612-676-6536 or 1-855-931-5272 (TTY users call 1-800-688-2534), 8 am – 4 pm, Monday – Friday. Or call your health care provider to help schedule an appointment with a pharmacist in your network.

Fitness and wellness benefits

One Pass fitness program

One Pass is a complete fitness solution for your body and mind, available to you at no additional cost. You'll have access to more than 24,000 participating fitness locations nationwide, plus:

- Thousands of on-demand and live-streaming fitness classes
- Workout builders to create workouts and teach you each exercise
- Home fitness kits for members who are physically unable to visit or live at least 15 miles from a participating location
- Personalized online brain training to improve memory and focus
- Social activities, community classes and events available for online or in-person participation

Find participating locations at ucare.org/onepass or call 1-877-504-6830 (TTY users call 711), 8 am – 9 pm, Monday – Friday.

Health devices

As a UCare Connect + Medicare member, you can receive certain health equipment at no cost. Talk to your care coordinator to order.

Activity tracker

Track your steps and heart rate with an activity tracker plus personalized emergency response system (PERS) device. This smartwatch includes:

- Step and heart rate tracking to help you reach your health goals
- Built-in GPS
- 24/7 emergency call-for-help to a support agent (no cell phone or Wi-Fi required)
- Activity, medication and care plan reminders

Blood pressure monitor

Members with hypertension who use the activity tracker are eligible for one blood pressure monitor per year. For more information and to see if you're eligible, contact your care coordinator.

Wellness kits

UCare offers a variety of kits to help you reach your health goals — all in one educational package. There are two ways to order a kit*:

- Order through your online member account at ucare.org/connectplusaccount. Go to “Health & Wellness,” then “Wellness, Rewards and Allowances” to place your order.
- Call the customer service number on page three of this guide

Adult Dental Kit or Adult Dental Refill Kit

Take care of your smile with a free dental kit. You can request an Adult Dental Kit once every three years. In the years you aren't eligible, you can request an Adult Dental Refill Kit.

Medication Toolkit

Includes tools to help make managing medications easier. If you're interested in getting a Medication Toolkit, contact your care coordinator to order the kit for you.

Connect to Wellness Kit

Improve your health and wellness with engaging tools. Choose from a Fitness Kit, Sleep Aid Kit, Stress Relief Kit, ADHD and Autism Support Kit, Dental Kit, Smart Home Device Kit or 5-pound weighted blanket. (Limit one kit per year per member.)

*Must be an eligible UCare member at the time of the order. Kit contents may be subject to change. Please allow 4 – 6 weeks for delivery.

Notice of Privacy Practices

Effective Date: July 1, 2013

Date of Last Review: July 20, 2022

This Notice describes how medical information about you* may be used and disclosed and how you can get access to this information. Please review it carefully.

*In this Notice, “you” means the member and “we” means UCare.

If you have questions or want to file a complaint, you may contact our Privacy Officer at UCare, Attn: Privacy Officer, PO Box 52, Minneapolis, MN 55440-0052, or by calling our 24 hour Compliance Hotline at 612-676-6525. You may also file a complaint with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services at the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, 233 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 240, Chicago, IL 60601. We will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint.

Why are we telling you this?

UCare believes it is important to keep your health information private. In fact, the law requires us to do so. The law also requires us to tell you about our legal duties and privacy practices. We are required to follow the terms of the Notice currently in effect.

What do we mean by “information?”

In this Notice, when we talk about “information,” “medical information,” or “health information,” we mean information about you that we collect in our business of providing health coverage for you and your family. It is information that identifies you.

What kinds of information do we use?

We receive information about you as part of our work in providing health plan services and health coverage. This information includes your name, address, and date of birth, race, ethnicity, language, sexual orientation, gender identity, telephone numbers, family information, financial information, health records, or other health information. Examples of the kinds of information we collect include: information from enrollment applications, claims, provider information, and customer satisfaction or health surveys; information you give us when you call us about a question or when you file a complaint or appeal; information we need to answer your question or decide your appeal; and information you provide us to help us obtain payment for premiums.

What do we do with this information?

We use your information to provide health plan services to members and to operate our health plan. These routine uses involve coordination of care, preventive health, and case management programs. For example, we may use your information to talk with your doctor to coordinate a referral to a specialist.

We also use your information for coordination of benefits, enrollment and eligibility status, benefits management, utilization management, premium billing, claims issues, and coverage decisions. For example, we may use your information to pay your health care claims.

Other uses include customer service activities, complaints or appeals, health promotion, quality activities, health survey information, underwriting, actuarial studies, premium rating, legal and regulatory compliance, risk management, professional peer review, credentialing, accreditation, antifraud activities, as well as business planning and administration. For example, we may use your information to make a decision regarding an appeal filed by you. We do not use or disclose any genetic information, race, ethnicity, language, sexual orientation or gender identity for the purpose of underwriting.

In addition, we may use your information to provide you with appointment reminders, information about treatment alternatives, or other health-related benefits and services that may be of interest to you. We may also share information with family members or others you identify as involved with your care, or with the sponsor of a group health plan, as applicable. We do not sell or rent your information to anyone. We will not use or disclose your information for fundraising without your permission. We will only use or disclose your information for marketing purposes with your authorization. We treat information about former members with the same protection as current members.

Who sees your information?

UCare employees see your information only if necessary to do their jobs. We have procedures and systems to keep personal information secure from people who do not have a right to see it. We may share the information with providers and other companies or persons working with or for us. We have contracts with those companies or persons. In those contracts, we require that they agree to keep your information confidential.

This includes our lawyers, accountants, auditors, third party administrators, insurance agents or brokers, information systems companies, marketing companies, disease management companies, or consultants.

We also may share your information as required or permitted by law. Information may be shared with government agencies and their contractors as part of regulatory reports, audits, encounter reports, mandatory reporting such as child abuse, neglect, or domestic violence; or in response to a court or administrative order, subpoena, or discovery request. We may share information with health oversight agencies for licensure, inspections, disciplinary actions, audits, investigations, government program eligibility, government program standards compliance, and for certain civil rights enforcement actions. We also may share information for research, for law enforcement purposes, with coroners to permit identification or determine cause of death, or with funeral directors to allow them to carry out their duties. We may be required to share information with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to investigate our compliance efforts. There may be other situations when the law requires or permits us to share information.

We only share your psychotherapy notes with your authorization and in certain other limited circumstances.

Other uses and disclosures not described above will be made only with your written permission. We will also accept the permission of a person with authority to represent you.

In most situations, permissions to represent you may be cancelled at any time. However, the cancellation will not apply to uses or disclosures we made before we received your cancellation. Also, once we have permission to release your information, we cannot promise that the person who receives the information will not share it.

What are your rights?

- You have the right to ask that we don't use or share your information in a certain way. Please note that while we will try to honor your request, we are not required to agree to your request.
- You have the right to ask us to send information to you at an address you choose or to request that we communicate with you in a certain way. For example, you may request that your mailings be sent to a work address rather than your home address. We may ask that you make your request in writing.

- You have the right to look at or get a copy of certain information we have about you. This information includes records we use to make decisions about health coverage, such as payment, enrollment, case, or medical management records. We may ask you to make your request in writing. We may also ask you to provide information we need to answer your request. We have the right to charge a reasonable fee for the cost of making and mailing the copies. In some cases, we may deny your request to inspect or obtain a copy of your information. If we deny your request, we will tell you in writing. We may give you a right to have the decision reviewed. Please let us know if you have any questions about this.
- You have the right to ask us to correct or add missing information about you that we have in our records. Your request needs to be in writing. In some cases, we may deny a request if the information is correct and complete, if we did not create it, if we cannot share it, or if it is not part of our records. All denials will be in writing. You may file a written statement of disagreement with us. We have the right to disagree with that statement. Even if we deny your request to change or add to your information, you still have the right to have your written request, our written denial, and your statement of disagreement included with your information.
- You have the right to receive a listing of the times when we have shared your information in some cases. Please note that we are not required to provide you with a listing of information shared prior to April 14, 2003; information shared or used for treatment, payment, and health care operations purposes; information shared with you or someone else as a result of your permission; information that is shared as a result of an allowed use or disclosure; or information shared for national security or intelligence purposes. All requests for this list must be in writing.

We will need you to provide us specific information so we can answer your request.

If you request this list more than once in a 12-month period, we may charge you a reasonable fee. If you have questions about this, please contact us at the address provided at the end of this Notice.

- You have the right to receive notifications of breaches of your unsecured protected health information.
- You have the right to receive a copy of this Notice from us upon request. This Notice took effect July 1, 2013 and was last revised on July 20, 2022.

How do we protect your information?

UCare protects all forms of your information, written, electronic and oral. We follow the state and federal laws related to the security and confidentiality of your information. We have many safety procedures in place that physically, electronically and administratively protect your information against loss, destruction or misuse. These procedures include computer safeguards, secured files and buildings and restriction on who may access your information.

What else do you need to know?

We may change our privacy policy from time to time. As the law requires, we will send you our Notice if you ask us for it. If you have questions about this Notice, please call UCare Customer service at the toll-free number listed on the back of your member card. This information is also available in other forms to people with disabilities. Please ask us for that information.

UCare Connect + Medicare is an HMO D-SNP 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 depends on contract renewal.

Civil Rights Notice

Discrimination is against the law. UCare does not discriminate on the basis of any of the following:

- race
- color
- national origin
- creed
- religion
- sexual orientation
- public assistance status
- age
- disability (including physical or mental impairment)
- sex (including sex stereotypes and gender identity)
- marital status
- political beliefs
- medical condition
- health status
- receipt of health care services
- claims experience
- medical history
- genetic information

You have the right to file a discrimination complaint if you believe you were treated in a discriminatory way by UCare. You can file a complaint and ask for help filing a complaint in person or by mail, phone, fax, or email at:

UCare
 Attn: Appeals and Grievances
 PO Box 52
 Minneapolis, MN 55440-0052
 Toll Free: 1-800-203-7225
 TTY: 1-800-688-2534
 Fax: 612-884-2021
 Email: cag@ucare.org

Auxiliary Aids and Services: UCare provides auxiliary aids and services, like qualified interpreters or information in accessible formats, free of charge and in a timely manner to ensure an equal opportunity to participate in our health care programs. **Contact** UCare at 612-676-3200 (voice) or 1-800-203-7225 (voice), 612-676-6810 (TTY), or 1-800-688-2534 (TTY).

Language Assistance Services: UCare provides translated documents and spoken language interpreting, free of charge and in a timely manner, when language assistance services are necessary to ensure limited English speakers have meaningful access to our information and services. **Contact** UCare at 612-676-3200 (voice) or 1-800-203-7225 (voice), 612-676-6810 (TTY), or 1-800-688-2534 (TTY).

Civil Rights Complaints

You have the right to file a discrimination complaint if you believe you were treated in a discriminatory way by UCare. You may also contact any of the following agencies directly to file a discrimination complaint.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights (OCR)

You have the right to file a complaint with the OCR, a federal agency, if you believe you have been discriminated against because of any of the following:

- race
- color
- national origin
- age
- disability
- sex
- religion (in some cases)

Contact the OCR directly to file a complaint:

Office for Civil Rights
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Midwest Region
233 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 240
Chicago, IL 60601
Customer Response Center: 800-368-1019, TTY: 800-537-7697
Email: ocrmail@hhs.gov

Minnesota Department of Human Rights (MDHR)

In Minnesota, you have the right to file a complaint with the MDHR if you have been discriminated against because of any of the following:

- race
- color
- national origin
- religion
- creed
- sex
- sexual orientation
- marital status
- public assistance status
- disability

Contact the **MDHR** directly to file a complaint:

Minnesota Department of Human Rights
540 Fairview Avenue North, Suite 201
St. Paul, MN 55104
651-539-1100 (voice)
800-657-3704 (toll-free)
711 or 800-627-3529 (MN Relay)
651-296-9042 (fax)
Info.MDHR@state.mn.us (email)

Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS)

You have the right to file a complaint with DHS if you believe you have been discriminated against in our health care programs because of any of the following:

- race
- color
- national origin
- religion (in some cases)
- age
- disability (including physical or mental impairment)
- sex (including sex stereotypes and gender identity)

Complaints must be in writing and filed within 180 days of the date you discovered the alleged discrimination. The complaint must contain your name and address and describe the discrimination you are complaining about. We will review it and notify you in writing about whether we have authority to investigate. If we do, we will investigate the complaint.

DHS will notify you in writing of the investigation's outcome. You have the right to appeal if you disagree with the decision. To appeal, you must send a written request to have DHS review the investigation outcome. Be brief and state why you disagree with the decision. Include additional information you think is important.

If you file a complaint in this way, the people who work for the agency named in the complaint cannot retaliate against you. This means they cannot punish you in any way for filing a complaint. Filing a complaint in this way does not stop you from seeking out other legal or administrative actions.

Contact **DHS** directly to file a discrimination complaint:

Civil Rights Coordinator
Minnesota Department of Human Services
Equal Opportunity and Access Division
P.O. Box 64997
St. Paul, MN 55164-0997
651-431-3040 (voice) or use your preferred relay service

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