

Exciting Changes to Your 2023 UVM Health Advantage Plan

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Listed below are several exciting changes to your UVM Health Advantage plan for the 2023 coverage period. To see a complete overview of your coverage check the Annual Notice of Changes or the Benefits at a Glance mailings you received earlier this fall.

Starting January 1, plans will include:

GetSetUp

SilverSneakers* has teamed up with GetSetUp to offer members virtual, instructor-led classes where participants can learn new skills and connect with peers who share their interests.

Joint Replacement Recovery

Members living with rheumatoid arthritis or osteoarthritis will be offered additional support while recovering following joint replacement.

Gia by MVP Mobile App

Wherever life takes you, take Gia. Connect to a real, live doctor 24/7 by text or video call. Now you can find ID cards, claims, and a wide network of doctors and facilities right on your mobile device.



All current and new MVP Medicare members will be receiving an updated ID card for 2023.

Plans will continue to include:

- **Preventive dental benefits** with comprehensive dental coverage
- **Vision benefits** powered by EyeMed^{*} and allowances for glasses and contacts
- A quarterly allowance for over-thecounter pharmacy purchases
- \$0 primary care visits
- A free SilverSneakers fitness membership
- \$0 Preferred Generic Drugs
- Free transportation to medical appointments
- Discounts on high-quality hearing aids through TruHearing[®]
- 14 free meal deliveries after an inpatient hospital stay
- Extensive regional network of more than 23,000 doctors, hospitals, and other providers across New York State, Vermont, and in additional areas

If you have questions about your coverage, visit **mvphealthcare.com/medicare** or call the MVP Medicare Customer Care Center at **1-800-665-7924** (TTY 711).

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MVP Medicare **Customer Care Center**

1-800-665-7924

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Call seven days a week, 8 am – 8 pm Eastern Time April 1–September 30, call Monday–Friday, 8 am–8 pm

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MVP virtual care services through Gia are available at no cost-share for most members, except those enrolled in a qualified high-deductible health plan (QHDHP). QHDHP members must meet the annual deductible before Gia services are covered in full. In-person visits and referrals are subject to cost-share per plan. Members enrolled in a Medicare Rx plan without additional MVP medical coverage do not have access to MVP virtual care services through Gia.

Other providers/pharmacies are available in our network.

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Follow MVP Health Care to stay up to date on our health and well-being programs, community events, and news about how MVP is working to create the healthiest communities.

Text a Doctor 24/7 for Virtual **Primary Care**

Through Gia by MVP, you can text a doctor 24/7 and get same-day responses—no appointments needed. Virtual primary and specialty care are free under your UVM Health Advantage plan and available through Gia and Galileo.

Turn to virtual primary care for:

- Everyday care like annual check-ups, prescription refills, and help with lab tests and screenings
- Health questions anytime you're not sure what you need
- Help managing conditions like diabetes, asthma, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and many more
- Emotional wellness support for anxiety, depression, and behavioral health needs you would talk to a primary care doctor about

Get Started Today

To get started, visit **GoAskGia.com** to download the free Gia by MVP mobile app. The app is also available on the App Store or on Google Play.

Once you have the app, create a Gia account. If you have an MVP online account, use the same username and password. Sign in, then tap Virtual Care, then Everyday Care, and follow the instructions to download the Galileo app and set up an account. If you already have a Galileo account, you can login using your existing username and password.

Redeem Your

MVP WellBeing Rewards

There is still time to earn and redeem your MVP WellBeing Rewards! You can continue to earn points until the end of the year, but you must redeem your rewards by December 31, 2022, or they will be lost.

Take part in healthy activities like taking an online class, completing activity attestations, and speaking with an MVP Case Manager. Once you've earned 50 points, you can begin redeeming your rewards—up to a total of \$200!

Visit **my.mvphealthcare.com** and sign into your MVP online account, then select Begin Your Path to Well-Being to redeem your rewards, or call Healthyroads, the MVP wellness partner, at **1-877-748-2746**, Monday–Friday, 8 am – 9 pm Eastern Time.

MVP is dedicated to providing programs that encourage the overall health and well-being of our members. The current MVP Medicare WellBeing Rewards program will be retired December 31, 2022 so we can work to enhance the program in a way that is more meaningful for our Medicare members.

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Take advantage!

You may be able to save money on your Médicare Part D premium.

Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) Program for New York State Members

EPIC is a New York State program administered by the Department of Health that provides payment assistance for Medicare Part D covered prescription drugs after any Part D deductible is met. EPIC also covers many Medicare Part D excluded drugs.

Who can join EPIC?

- A resident of New York State who is 65 or older with an annual income up to \$75,000 if single, or \$100,000 if married
- An eligible senior with a Medicaid spend-down who is not receiving full Medicaid benefits
- An eligible senior with Medicare Part D coverage

For more information, call the EPIC Helpline at **1-800-332-3742** (TTY 711) or visit **health.ny.gov/health_care** and select *Elderly* Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC).

VPharm Prescription Program for Vermont Members

VPharm is a pharmaceutical assistance program administered by the Agency of Human Services, Department of Vermont Health Access. The program helps Medicare Part D members in Vermont pay premiums and prescription co-pays.

Who can join VPharm?

- A resident of Vermont who is 65 years old or older with an annual income of less than 225% of the Federal Poverty Level—in 2022, this is less than \$30,588 if single, and \$41,208 if married
- An eligible senior with Medicare Part D coverage

For more information, call 1-800-250-8427 or visit dvha.vermont.gov/members and select Prescription Assistance.

Extra Help Program for Medicare Members

Extra Help, also known as the Part D Low-Income Subsidy (LIS), is a federal program administered by Social Security that helps pay for Medicare prescription co-insurances, deductibles, and premiums.

Who can join Extra Help?

- Medicare members who have income and assets below specified limits
- Individuals enrolled in Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or a Medicare Savings Program (MSP) automatically qualify for Extra Help regardless of whether they meet the Extra Help eligibility requirements

For more information, call the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 711) or visit ssa.gov/extrahelp.

EATING HEALTHY:

Apple Cranberry Salad Toss

Bring a healthier dish to your next gathering with this heart healthy salad that is light, yet crisp.

Ingredients

- 1 head of lettuce (about 10 cups)
- 2 medium apples, sliced
- 1/2 cup walnuts, chopped
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- 1/2 cup green onion, sliced
- 3/4 cup vinaigrette dressing

Directions

Toss all ingredients in a large bowl and serve immediately.

Source: Creative Recipes for Less Familiar USDA Commodities used by Household Programs USDA, Food and Nutrition Service.





A Message from MVP President & CEO

As 2022 comes to a close, we would like to thank you for being a valued UVM Health Advantage member. Helping you achieve your health goals is our priority. Thank you for trusting us to provide you the support, resources, and services you need to navigate your health journey. At MVP Health Care, we are committed to raising the bar when it comes to the experiences we deliver to you—our members—to go beyond your expectations and earn your trust, every day. We look forward to creating a healthier New Year with you.

Wishing you Happy Holidays and a wonderful New Year.

Stay safe and be well,

MVP Health Care

Christopher Del Vecchio
President & Chief Executive Officer



Have an issue with a doctor or the care you've received?

As a UVM Health Advantage Member, you have the right to file a Grievance (also known as a complaint) about how a provider has behaved, the wait time at a doctor's office, or the care you received. You can file a complaint by phone, mail, or in person. MVP must investigate complaints about quality of care, even if you later withdraw it. You will receive an Acknowledgment Letter from MVP after making any quality of care/quality of service grievances.

MVP is here for you! Please call the MVP Medicare Customer Care Center at **1-800-665-7924** (TTY 711) if you have more questions about this process.



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Health and Wellness or Prevention Information

New 2023 Over-the-Counter Card

Members with an Over-the-Counter (OTC) Allowance benefit will soon receive a new prepaid card in the mail from our partner NationsBenefits. **Treat this card like cash!**Your current card will expire on December 31, 2022 and you can destroy it once you activate your new card.

Contact NationsBenefits at **1-855-996-4327** (TTY 711) if you have trouble activating your card. If you have questions about how this benefit works, call the MVP Medicare Customer Care Center at **1-800-665-7924** (TTY 711).

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What is preventive care?

Think of it as a healthy investment!

Preventive care helps you prevent disease and improve your health so you can maintain your quality of life. Screening tests for early detection of disease, health education, and immunization health care services are common examples of preventive care.

This insert is a guide to the preventive care support MVP Health Care provides.

For more information, please refer to your member contract (Evidence of Coverage)

found in your MVP Member Guide. You have convenient access to the Member Guide from your MVP Online Account.

To sign in or register for an MVP online account, visit **my.mvphealthcare.com**. To review your Member Guide, select *My Plan*, then *My Benefits*. You can also find information about coverage, cost-shares, claims, and helpful preventive care reminders.

Information at **Your Fingertips**

Visit **mvphealthcare.com/medicare** to find health care coverage information, resources, and more, anytime.

Select *Find a Doctor* to search for doctors and facilities.

Select *Drug Coverage (Part D)* for help with your Part D (Prescription Drug) coverage, including:

- A list of covered drugs (Formulary)
- CVS Caremark Mail Service Pharmacy help
- Medicare Therapy Management Program information



Preventive Care Resources

The MVP Living Well Advantage

mvphealthcare.com/medicarewellness



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with extra support, benefits, and guidance from MVP.

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MVP Living Well Programs

MVP offers innovative health and well-being programs—both in-person and virtual—to help you live well physically, emotionally, and otherwise. Choose from a selection of classes and activities near you, such as physical fitness classes, wellness webinars, discount opportunities, and more!

Visit **mvphealthcare.com/calendar** to find a program that's right for you.

MVP/Matrix Medical Network In-Home Health Assessment

MVP has partnered with Matrix Medical Network to help you and your doctor get a complete, up-to-date picture of your health by offering a convenient, in-home health visit with a nurse practitioner. The in-home visit doesn't take the place of seeing your primary care doctor, but it enhances your overall health care.

With one-on-one attention for a full hour, you get more time with a clinician to ask questions and talk about your health in detail. After your visit, you and your doctor will get a Personal Health Summary to review together and ensure you stay healthy.

To learn more or to request an in-home health assessment, call **1-855-205-0431** (TTY 711) Monday–Friday 8 am–8 pm Eastern Time.

Medication Therapy Management Program

Get peace of mind about your medications.
The Medication Therapy Management Program (MTMP) is your chance to talk with an MVP pharmacist over the phone to review all of the medications you take, including over-the-counter drugs, to make sure they are working well together. This free program is an important part of your prescription drug coverage with MVP. MTMP can especially help if you take more than four prescriptions each day, have a chronic medical condition, see more than one doctor, or visit multiple pharmacies. Schedule an appointment on your time, call **1-866-942-7754**.

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Download the all-new *Gia by MVP* mobile app for 24/7 virtual care support, including help with preventive care, chronic conditions, prescription refills, and more!

Learn more at **GoAskGia.com**.

Work with Your Doctor

It's important to work with your doctor and other health care providers to make a plan and be a partner in your health care. Your doctor understands your medical history and what is "normal" for you. Talk with your doctor about your health goals. Your doctor should keep track of your progress and work with you to meet the annual preventive care guidelines for adults in your age range.

Make sure you have confidence in your doctor and can talk to them easily. The MVP network of more than 23,000 doctors and health care professionals means that you will be able to find a doctor you like, near where you live. The health care professionals in our network have agreed to provide your care and follow specific quality-of-care practices.

Take an active part in every doctor visit.

- Plan ahead. Keep a list of any questions or health problems. Record your symptoms, when they started, and what you have done to treat them. Decide what is most important to discuss with your doctor so you talk about that first.
- Be prepared. Bring a list of your medications, including vitamin and mineral supplements and over-the-counter drugs, and results of tests done by other health care professionals.
- **Talk and take action.** Ask about preventive screenings to keep you healthy. Write down any follow-up actions you need to take.

More Help from MVP

Living well sometimes takes a helping hand. Our Care Management Programs help members who are living with a high-risk medical condition or complicated, life-threatening illness. A case manager will work with you, your family, doctors, and other members of your health care team.

Care Transitions Program

You may be eligible for this program if you have had a recent hospital stay. A case manager will contact you after you come home and may arrange for a home visit, work with you to understand your discharge instructions, review your medications, help schedule follow-up appointments, and work with you to reduce your chances of hospital readmission.

Health History and Lifestyle Assessment

Complete or update a health assessment with your doctor that includes family history, activity, tobacco, alcohol, drug use, and sexual practices. It's important to develop a plan with your doctor to keep active and eat well.

Health Management Programs

Extra help is available to members who need guidance and support to improve a chronic condition, including asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder (COPD), behavioral health concerns, diabetes, cardiac issues, heart failure, or back pain. A health coach can answer your questions and help you find additional resources and health care solutions. These programs are designed to supplement your doctor's care—we will work with you, your family, doctors, and other members of your health care team to help you set and reach goals that are important to the treatment plan from your doctor.

These programs are available at no cost to you, and you are under no obligation to participate. MVP may call you if you qualify, or your doctor may refer you to us. For more information about these programs, call **1-866-942-7966**.



Preventive Care

Services & Guidelines



The following exams and screening tests should take place on a routine basis. Talk with your doctor about what screenings are right for you, and when and how often you should have them. As a UVM Health Advantage plan member, much of your preventive care is covered in full.

Physical Exam

- Height and weight (Body Mass Index-BMI)
- · Blood pressure
- · Hearing and vision screening

Screening Tests

- Cardiovascular disease, such as cholesterol, once every five years
- Colorectal cancer using fecal occult blood testing, multi-targeted stool DNA test (e.g., Cologuard*), sigmoidoscopy, or colonoscopy, beginning at age 45 and continuing until age 75. Talk to your doctor about the type and frequency of screening needed
- Tuberculosis by PPD test as indicated
- Diabetes if you have high blood pressure, a history of abnormal cholesterol, are obese, or have a history of high blood sugar (glucose)
- Glaucoma test every year if you have diabetes or a family history of glaucoma, are an African-American age 50 and older, or a Hispanic-American age 65 and older
- Hepatitis C virus (HCV) for adults born 1945–1965 or had a blood transfusion before 1992 (one-time screening), or if you are at high risk
- Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) screening annually for those ages 15–65 without regard to perceived risk or older than 65 if at high risk, or if you are pregnant

Additional Screening Tests for Women

- Cervical or vaginal cancer pelvic exam and pap test every two years; pap test is optional after age 65
- Breast cancer screening by mammogram annually for ages 40–74, then as indicated after age 74, and a clinical breast exam every two years or annually if at high risk
- Osteoporosis screening for age 65 and over

Additional Screening Tests for Men

 Prostate cancer screening for age 50 and older by prostate specific antigen (PSA) and digital rectal examination every year

Immunizations

- Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis one-time dose; booster every 10 years
- Flu vaccine annually
- Pneumococcal vaccine one-time dose from age 65; booster one year later
- Shingles (Zoster) vaccine
- Hepatitis B vaccine if you are at high risk

Counseling/Screening

- Diet (for women, discuss calcium and vitamin D)
- Exercise
- Obesity (those with a BMI of 30 or more)
- Diabetes self-management training if living with diabetes
- Smoking cessation
- Alcohol and substance use prevention
- Sexually transmitted diseases, HIV, and sexual behavior
- Dental health
- · Sun exposure
- Bladder control problems
- Injury prevention (including seat belt and helmet use, preventing falls)
- Life stage issues (bereavement)
- Depression
- Health care proxy and advance directives

Additional Counseling/Screening for Women

• Menopause management

High-Risk Individuals

- Aspirin therapy should be considered for adults ages 45–79, when benefit outweighs risk
- Meningococcal, Varicella, Hepatitis B, Measles/ Mumps/Rubella, and Hepatitis A immunizations for those at risk
- One-time Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) screening for men ages 65–75 who are current or former smokers
- Lung cancer screening every year for ages 55–77 who are current or former smokers and meet certain guidelines
- Sexually transmitted infections (STIs) screening annually for chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, and/or Hepatitis B

Guidelines adapted from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. Talk with your doctor about what preventive services are right for you. Your benefits may allow for services more frequently than what is listed here.

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Living Well Programs Schedule

The MVP Health Promotions team, in collaboration with our community partners, is pleased to provide you with innovative health and well-being programs. MVP Living Well virtual programs are offered to all members.

Registration for all classes will open at 8 am on Tuesday, December 13.

Visit mvphealthcare.com/calendar to register for all classes and for full class details. Space is limited and registration is required.

Our virtual programs are best viewed using a laptop or tablet device with Internet access. Once registered, you will receive a link to the virtual class via email in advance of the class. Make sure your email address is entered correctly and check your email's spam folder.

Ongoing Virtual Fitness Programs

Vinyasa Flow Yoga

Mondays, January 9-March 13 12-12:45 pm

Move and breathe through a series of basic vinyasa or flowing yoga postures to improve strength, flexibility, and balance. A yoga mat is recommended.

Power and Balance Total Body Workout

Tuesdays, January 10-March 14 9:30-10:30 am

You will be guided through timed circuit exercises incorporating total body resistance training, core and balance exercises, and low-impact aerobics.

Bokwa Dance Moves

Tuesdays, January 10-March 14 12-1 pm

An energizing cardio routine using the shape of letters and numbers for dance steps set to the sounds of African, Caribbean, Latin, and American music.

Chair Moves

Tuesdays, January 10-March 14 1-2 pm

A chair-based class that emphasizes strengthening and stretching exercises for upper and lower limbs.

Latin Moves and Toning

Wednesdays, January 11-March 15 12-1 pm

Fast and slow, low-impact exercises set to Latin and dance rhythms, and incorporating light weights.

Qi Gong Moves

Wednesdays, January 11-March 15 1:30-2:30 pm

Move through a series of gentle exercises to promote energy flow in the body. Qi Gong can improve posture, balance, and flexibility, as well as calm the mind and relieve stress.

Stretch and Strengthen

Thursdays, January 12–March 16 10–11

Move through timed exercises at your own pace to stretch and strengthen for a complete workout.

Tai Chi for Health and Fall Prevention

Fridays, January 13-March 17 9:30-10:30 am

Described as "meditation in motion," the benefits of Tai Chi can include improved balance, flexibility, fall prevention, and muscle strength.

Featured Virtual Programs

SilverSneakers Overview

Wednesday, January 11 10–11 am

Thursday, January 19 2–3 pm

Make the most of your SilverSneakers benefits, including online educational classes through GetSetUp, in addition to a trove of fitness options.

A Matter of Balance

Thursdays, January 12–March 16 9–11 am

Learn to reduce the fear of falling and diminish the risk of falls through weekly group discussions, mutual problem solving, exercise demonstration. **Members only, limited to 12 spots.**

Mediterranean Cooking Class

Friday, January 20 12–1 pm

In collaboration with Cornell Cooperative Extension, this cooking demonstration highlights heart healthy Mediterranean dishes.

Breast Health Workshop

Wednesday, January 25 12–12:45 pm Wednesday, March 8 12–12:45 pm

Learn about lifestyle and risk factors that affect breast health and disease development, as well as screening guidelines, insurance coverage, genetic testing, and more.

Low Back Pain

Wednesday, January 25 10-11 am

In partnership with Genesee Valley Physical Therapy. Learn possible causes and solutions to lower back pain from a certified chiropractor.

Blood Pressure Challenge

Daily, January 30-February 26

This self-guided challenge encourages participants to know their blood pressure numbers and take control of their health.

Stop! Slips, Trips, and Falls

Thursday, February 2

1-2 pm

Falls are serious! The pain and injury falls cause can impact mobility and independence. Create a strategy to reduce your fall risks and hazards.

Dementia Conversations

Tuesday, February 7

12-12:30 pm

In partnership with the Alzheimer's Association. Learn helpful tips on how to have difficult conversations related to dementia.

Are You Set with Your Estate Plan?

Wednesday, February 8

12-1 pm

Bob Baldes, Accredited Estate Planner with Wealth Strategies & Solutions, LTD provides insightful information to help you align your estate plan with your goals and objectives.

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Featured Virtual Programs continued.

Mindful Tea Tasting

Friday, February 10 12:30–1:30 pm

Learn stress reduction techniques and put them to practice with this mindful tea tasting. Participants will receive tea samples to try.

The Power of Journaling

Thursday, February 16 12–1 pm

Manage stress, better understand yourself, and catalog your life's events.

Understanding Cholesterol

Tuesday, February 21 12–1 pm

Learn more about cholesterol—what it is, how to measure it, and the steps you can take to manage cholesterol's impact on the body.

Creating a Wellness Mindset

Wednesday, February 22 12–1 pm

This training provides a framework for how to create a 'wellness mindset' that will support the practice of continuous self-care.

Sleep from A to Zzzz

Thursday, March 2 12-1 pm

Increase your understanding of the benefits of sleep to maintain overall health and learn strategies to improve sleep habits.

Managing Money: A Caregiver's Guide to Finances

Tuesday, March 7 12-1 pm

Learn tips for managing someone else's finances, how to prepare for future care costs, and the benefits of early planning.

Beating the Winter Blahs

Thursday, March 16 12–1 pm

Learn more about the steps you can take to address your winter mood through this webinar.