



**Connecting you and your family
to LGBTQ+ inclusive care**

**United
Healthcare**



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About this guide

John Deere is committed to fostering a safe and inclusive workplace where all employees can be their authentic selves.

The benefits and services in this guide are designed to support you in your career—and in areas of your life outside of John Deere. They're built in mind with employees and their dependents who may identify as LGBTQ+.

Use this guide as an easier way to find points of contact who'll help you better understand and access:

- Important benefit information
- HIV services
- Gender-inclusive health care
- Family formation

One last thing: You'll notice in this guide that we refer to “you” a lot. While certain info may not apply directly to the person who's reading, we're choosing to use the word “you” in case the info does. This way, all readers feel included, valued and respected.

We hope you, your dependents and your loved ones find this guide useful, helpful and meaningful.



Health plan basics

UnitedHealthcare Advocates

For the LGBTQ+ community and their allies, understanding and support go a long way. Our Advocates are trained to provide LGBTQ+ members with quality support—and a welcoming, open environment designed for easier conversations.

Be seen. Be heard. Be you.

Advocates have specific training, developed with assistance from—and in conjunction with—the National LGBTQIA+ Health Education Center. Training focuses on topics from sensitivity to terminology to available surgical treatments and more. Connect with a UnitedHealthcare Advocate for help with:

- Benefit questions, such as, “What’s covered?” and “How will my plan cover the services?”
- Finding or scheduling an appointment with a network provider—a personal Advocate will call directly on your behalf
- Claim information and authorization, including status, assistance with submission and confirmation of information required



Connect

Call to talk to a caring UnitedHealthcare Advocate today at **1-800-326-9166**



Confidentiality

Your health information is kept confidential in accordance with the law



Family support

Enjoy support for all covered family members, including dependents

Specialized transgender member support

Your UnitedHealthcare Advocate team includes specially trained Advocates who are committed to making the health care system work better for members of the transgender community. Work with the same team—and for certain issues, the same Advocate—until the question or concern is resolved.



UnitedHealthcare provides its members with a dedicated team of advocates for gender dysphoria. Call **1-800-326-9166**.

7 a.m.–6:30 p.m. Monday–Friday.







General health plan coverage

Medical coverage

Your medical coverage is provided by John Deere. Your medical plan administrator is UnitedHealthcare. As part of your medical plan, you automatically receive prescription drug coverage through Optum Rx.

Who's covered?

You and your eligible dependents including spouses, domestic partners of salary employees and children up to age 26 (or over age 26 if they meet the definition of a disabled child) are covered. Domestic partners must be:

-  At least 18 years of age or older, and are both mentally competent to consent or contract
-  Not related by blood or a degree of closeness which would prohibit marriage under the law of the state in which you reside
-  Neither are married to another person under statutory or common law, and neither has a same-sex spouse or opposite-sex spouse, or is a member of another domestic partnership
-  In a single, dedicated relationship and intend to remain in the relationship indefinitely
-  Cohabitate at the same residence and intend to cohabitate indefinitely
-  Share joint responsibility for each other's common welfare and financial obligations

What's covered?

View your personal coverage

Visit [myuhc.com](#)[®] and click **Coverage & Benefits** to access your annual deductible, out-of-pocket maximum, copay or coinsurance for network and out-of-network coverage.

Access personalized cost estimates

Sign in at [myuhc.com](#) and click **Find Care & Costs** to get the most accurate cost estimates for the plan you have:

- See how much you can expect your specific plan to pay
- Look up network providers for your plan to see cost and quality ratings

Look up general cost estimates—search by:

- Service—like a vaccine or X-ray
- Condition or symptom—like sore throat
- Doctor, hospital or facility—find a preferred or nearby provider



Did you know?

With a dependent care flexible spending account (FSA), you can save money—federal tax free—to pay for things like day care, child care, preschool, summer day camp and adult day care. You can make an election to participate in the dependent care FSA during annual enrollment or within 31 days of a life event. Just visit [yourbenefitsresources.com/deere](#) or call the John Deere Benefit Center at **1-844-689-7833**.

Finding a network provider

Commonly asked questions

Q. How do you find out if a provider is an LGBTQ+ ally?

A. Suggestions would be to look at their website or online reviews from other patients, or call and ask if they regularly work with LGBTQ+ patients.

Q. What if someone's not ready to share their sexual orientation or gender identity?

A. Patient information is kept confidential and private. That's the law. But if you are under 18, your parent or guardian may be able to see your information. If you have concerns, talk to your provider privately. You can ask them not to include your answers in your medical record.



Finding an LGBTQ+ supportive provider

To find a provider who is LGBTQ+ culturally sensitive, visit myuhc.com and tap the **Find Care & Costs** tab. Type **LGBTQ** in the search bar—and you'll be guided to caring providers here to help. If your search only offers ones outside your area, contact a UnitedHealthcare Advocate.



General prescription coverage

Find out more about your pharmacy benefits

Optum Rx® is your UnitedHealthcare plan's pharmacy care services manager.

Manage your pharmacy benefits:



Sign in to **myuhc.com**
client.optumrx.com/login



Call a UnitedHealthcare
Advocate for help at
1-888-JDEERE1
(1-888-533-3731)



To manage your medications
on the go, download the
UnitedHealthcare app
OptumRx app

Fill your prescriptions

- 1. Delivered to your door.** Order up to a 90 or 100 day supply (based on your benefit plan) of eligible medication you take regularly for less with home delivery. There's no charge for standard shipping to U.S. addresses.
- 2. Pick up at the pharmacy.** Make sure you use a network pharmacy. You will need to show your UnitedHealthcare health plan ID card.

Set up medication reminders

Use **myuhc.com** or the **UnitedHealthcare app** to set up reminders for when to take your medication and order refills.



Preventive care including HIV services

Get preventive care

John Deere covers 100% of the cost for preventive care, annual physicals or wellness exams when seen by a network provider. Having a provider you see regularly—one who makes you feel accepted and respected—can help you take charge of your health.

Every year, it's a good idea to talk openly and honestly about:

- Smoking and drinking habits
- Depression, anxiety and other mental health issues
- Sexually transmitted infections (STIs)—testing and tools such as condoms and medicines to prevent them
- Family planning tools—birth control pills, condoms and other options
- Reproductive health screenings such as Pap smears and breast exams
- Oral health habits and resources



Schedule your appointment today

We're happy to help you schedule your preventive care appointments. Just call a UnitedHealthcare Advocate at **1-888-JDEERE1 (1-888-533-3731)**.

*Data rates may apply.

**Virtual primary care is applied to primary care benefits—it is not applied to 24/7 Virtual Visits benefit.

Virtual primary care

Managing your health with a primary care physician, or PCP, is easier when you have more ways to access care. Now, through **myuhc.com** or the UnitedHealthcare® app, you can choose to connect remotely with a virtual PCP—and their team of health care professionals.* Make an appointment 24/7 to start your virtual primary care relationship today.**

Find more about virtual primary care by going to **uhc.com/virtualcare**



HIV services

Today, more tools than ever are available to prevent human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), including the use of HIV prevention medicines such as pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP).¹ Treatment for people who have HIV is called antiretroviral therapy (ART). ART may help people live long, healthy lives and prevent them from transmitting HIV to others.²

HIV screening

The only way to know your HIV status is to get screened. Knowing your status gives you powerful information to keep you and your loved ones healthy. HIV screenings are 100% covered under the medical plan, when performed by a network provider. People at increased risk for HIV infection should get screened more often.* To learn more about the risk factors, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website.³

HIV prevention

PrEP

Certain HIV medications can be taken to reduce the chance of getting HIV—this is called pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). PrEP medications, as well as necessary clinic visits and lab tests related to PrEP, are 100% covered in-network. This includes:

- Kidney function testing (creatinine)
- Serologic testing for hepatitis B and C virus
- Testing for other STIs, pregnancy testing when appropriate
- Ongoing follow-up and monitoring including HIV screening every 3 months

*As recommended by your physician.

PEP

Post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) medicine is meant to be taken after possible exposure to prevent HIV. PEP should only be used in emergency situations and must be started within 72 hours after a recent possible exposure to HIV. Cost-sharing applies, including deductibles, copays or coinsurance.



Talk to your health care provider about potential risk factors and what screening, preventive and treatment options are available.

HIV services (cont'd)

HIV treatment

Once HIV treatment is started, it usually takes 3 to 6 months for the viral load to reach an undetectable level. Although medicines cannot cure HIV, having an undetectable viral load helps people with HIV live longer, healthier lives and provides them with effectively no risk of transmitting HIV.⁴

There are 2 types of HIV treatment, or ART:

- **Pills:** Antiretroviral therapy (ART) usually involves taking a combination of HIV medicines (called an HIV treatment regimen) every day. A person's initial HIV regimen generally includes 3 antiretroviral (ARV) drugs from at least 2 different HIV drug classes. There are also FDA-approved single pill medicines available.
- **Shots:** People who have had an undetectable viral load (or have been virally suppressed) for at least 3 months may consider shots. HIV treatment shots are long-acting injections given by your health care provider and require routine office visits (once a month or once every other month, depending on your treatment plan).

For more information, talk to your health care provider. The coverage for HIV treatment includes medications as well as necessary network clinic visits and lab tests. Cost-sharing applies, including copays and deductibles.

For more information about your prescription medication coverage, visit [myuhc.com](https://www.myuhc.com) or call **myHEALTH at 1-888-JDEERE1 (1-888-533-3731)**.



Transgender and nonbinary care

Transgender and nonbinary inclusive health care

Gender-affirming care encompasses a range of social, psychological, behavioral and medical interventions to support an individual's gender identity. Treatment options include behavioral therapy, psychotherapy, hormone therapy and surgery for gender-affirming care. In order to receive gender-affirming procedures, you or your dependent need a formal diagnosis of gender dysphoria from a provider.

Gender-affirming procedures and services may include:

- Behavioral health
- Breast/chest surgery*
- Genital surgery*
- Hormone therapy*
- Hair removal required for reconstructive surgery*



UnitedHealthcare provides its members with a dedicated team of advocates for gender dysphoria. Call **1-800-326-9166** 7 a.m.–6:30 p.m. Monday–Friday.

*Requires prior authorization.



What's covered for gender-affirming procedures

Covered services

When applicable coverage criteria are met, the following surgical/nonsurgical procedures are covered:

- Bilateral mastectomy or breast reduction
- Breast enlargement, including augmentation mammoplasty and breast implants
- Clitoroplasty (creation of clitoris)
- Continuous hormone therapy, including puberty suppression therapy
- Hysterectomy (removal of uterus)
- Labiaplasty (creation of labia)
- Laser or electrolysis hair removal before genital reconstruction prescribed by a physician for treatment of gender dysphoria
- Metoidioplasty (using the clitoris to create a penis)
- Orchiectomy (removal of testicles)
- Penile prosthesis
- Phalloplasty (creation of penis)
- Salpingo-oophorectomy (removal of fallopian tubes and ovaries)
- Scrotoplasty (creation of scrotum)
- Testicular prostheses
- Tracheal shave
- Travel and lodging: \$2,000 annually. Must be using a network provider 300 miles one way from your residence.
- Urethroplasty (reconstruction of urethra)
- Vaginectomy (removal of vagina)
- Vaginoplasty (creation of vagina)
- Voice modification therapy/surgery
- Vulvectomy (removal of vulva)

Non-Covered services

Cosmetic procedures, including the following:

- Abdominoplasty
- Blepharoplasty
- Body contouring, such as lipoplasty
- Brow lift
- Calf implants
- Cheek, chin, and nose implants
- Injection of fillers or neurotoxins
- Face lift, forehead lift, or neck tightening
- Facial bone remodeling for facial feminizations
- Hair removal
- Hair transplantation
- Lip augmentation
- Lip reduction
- Liposuction
- Mastopexy
- Pectoral implants for chest masculinization
- Rhinoplasty
- Skin resurfacing



For a full list of covered and non-covered services, call our dedicated team of advocates at **1-800-326-9166**.

What you need to know

Your health plan benefits provide coverage for a range of gender-affirming procedures.

Get the most out of your coverage

Whether you're just starting to explore your options or are planning a procedure, this information may help you better understand how to maximize your benefits when getting care. Sharing this information with your doctors may also help when creating your care plan.

Eligibility

Gender-affirming surgical procedures may be covered for employees, spouses/domestic partners and dependents enrolled in a medical plan if they meet the applicable medical policy criteria:

1. Persistent, well-documented gender dysphoria
2. Capacity to make a fully informed decision and consent for treatment
3. Must be 18 years of age*
4. Favorable psychosocial-behavioral evaluation to identify risk factors or potential post-operative challenges
5. Have lived full time in their identified gender for 12 months prior to genital surgery
6. Completion of 6 months of continuous hormone therapy prior to surgery is required for voice masculinization and completion of 12 months of continuous hormone therapy is required for breast augmentation and genital/gonadal surgeries (unless medically contraindicated)
7. Clinical assessments from qualified healthcare professionals

Note: Prior authorization is required for all of these services.

*This refers to chronological age, not biological age.

Enriching the network in support of transgender-affirming providers

UnitedHealthcare is reviewing all network providers, which includes contacting offices directly to validate whether new patients are being accepted and whether the providers actively treat transgender patients.

Note: Facility-based providers, such as radiologists, anesthesiologists and assistant surgeons are often out-of-network, regardless of whether the primary surgeon is. If a balance bill is received from one of these providers and the service was received at a network facility with a network surgeon, please call a UnitedHealthcare Advocate for assistance.



What you need to know (cont'd)

Clinical assessments

A clinical assessment is an important step for determining eligibility for gender-affirming procedures. A qualified healthcare professional* provides documentation—in the chart and/or clinical assessment letter—of the patient's personal treatment history, progress and eligibility.

One clinical assessment

This is required from a qualified healthcare professional for all gender-affirming care, including hormone therapy, voice modification therapy, tracheal shave and breast/chest surgery.

Two clinical assessments

These are required from qualified healthcare professionals who have independently assessed the patient for genital surgery.

To begin a clinical assessment, have your provider contact UnitedHealthcare at **1-888-JDEERE1 (1-888-533-3731)**.



*Healthcare professionals who recommend surgery share the ethical and legal responsibility for that decision with the surgeon.

What you need to know (cont'd)

Prior authorization

This section covers the prior authorization process for determining if a service is covered by your plan. **Helpful hint:** Call an Advocate as soon as you begin to consider surgery or continuous hormone therapy to let us help you navigate your journey.



Search: We can help you find the right providers for you and also understand the importance of using network providers.



Find: When you visit a network doctor for care, the physician may identify a service that requires prior authorization. If you have trouble, call UnitedHealthcare.



Inquire: Your doctor should contact UnitedHealthcare to ask about the proposed service.



Verify: UnitedHealthcare reviews the request to verify the service is a covered benefit, meets the criteria for coverage and is performed at the appropriate place.



Inform: UnitedHealthcare will inform you and your doctor about the benefit coverage determination. Together, you should review the determination letter and chart out a course of care.



Claim: Upon approval, you and your doctor will be notified.
Helpful hint: Reach out to an Advocate if notification hasn't occurred.

Submitting claims (Learn about what you may need)

- **For network providers**
 - They may submit claims for services you receive
- **For out-of-network providers**
 - You may need to submit claims for eligible health care services
 - To receive payment for a claim, services must be covered by the plan (See “Prior authorization” section)
- **Two options to submit a claim for out-of-network providers, if your provider’s office will not submit the claim for you**
 1. Call a UnitedHealthcare Advocate at **1-888-JDEERE1 (1-888-533-3731)**
 - An Advocate can submit the claim for you. They will work with your provider’s office to complete your Claim Submission Form.
 2. Or, you can submit a form online by following these steps:
 - Sign in to **myuhc.com**
 - Select **Claims & Accounts** tab
 - Select **Claims**
 - Select the type of claim—either a medical claim or mental health claim
 - Submit your claim using the online forms

Claim denial appeals process

If you or your physician disagrees with a pre-certification or prior authorization decision, or your claim is denied, you have the right to file an appeal within 180 days after receiving the adverse benefit determination. The appeals process is outlined in your medical SPD. Once you complete an appeal submission, you will be notified of the decision within 30 days of the receipt of the appeal. If the first level appeal is denied, you may submit a second level appeal within 60 days after receiving the first level appeal denial. If you need assistance in filing an appeal, you may contact myHEALTH at **1-888-JDEERE1 (1-888-533-3731)**.

Behavioral health support

Behavioral health benefits

Whatever challenges you're dealing with, your medical benefits include a network of behavioral health clinicians who will offer confidential support with:

- Stress and anxiety
- Depression
- Substance use
- Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
- Bipolar and related disorders
- Trauma and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
- Grief and loss
- Eating disorders
- Family and couples therapy
- Impulse control disorders, and much more

Virtual behavioral health care

From the privacy of home and the convenience of your mobile device* or computer, you can receive caring support from a licensed therapist. Virtual therapy offers confidential counseling and includes:

Private video sessions

Get 1-on-1 support—in your home and at a time that's convenient for you.

Help with coping—for children, teens and adults

Your licensed therapist may provide a diagnosis, treatment and medication if needed.

*Data rates may apply.

Similar standard of care as in-person visits

You can see the same therapist with each appointment and establish an ongoing relationship.

To find a provider and schedule a visit, sign in or register on [myuhc.com](#). Then, go to **Find Care & Costs > Virtual Care > Behavioral Health Care > Get Started** and call the provider to set up an appointment. Or call the telephone number on your health plan ID card.



Behavioral health providers

Sometimes, finding a therapist you feel safe and comfortable with can make all the difference. At [myuhc.com](#), you can search for behavioral and mental health providers who list themselves as LGBTQ supporters. Tap the **Find Care & Costs** tab and type LGBTQ in the search bar. You'll be guided to caring providers who are here to help.

If you, or someone you know, are experiencing thoughts about harming yourself, suicide or if this is urgent and an emergency, call **911** or the National Suicide Prevention Hotline at **988**.

Emotional Wellbeing Solutions (your Employee Assistance Program / EAP)

When you need help with work, home, personal or family issues, your EAP offers programs and services at no additional charge. All John Deere employees and their eligible family members can use this confidential service.

The EAP gives you access to:

- Unlimited phone sessions
- Receive up to 8 counseling visits per issue per calendar year at no cost
- Childcare and elder care assistance
- Financial services assistance
- Legal resources
- Concierge services

Visit liveandworkwell.com (access code: Deere) or call **1-888-533-7311** to get started.



Reaching out for connection

If you or your loved one needs help, know that you have access to a large network of behavioral health providers, programs and self-help tools that may be available at no additional cost to you through your health plan. Call myHEALTH at **1-888-JDEERE1 (1-888-533-3731)** to find resources for help with behavioral health struggles.



Additional programs and resources

Talkspace

With Talkspace online therapy, you can regularly communicate with a licensed therapist, 24/7.

- Find a therapist with an online matching tool
- Start therapy within hours of choosing your therapist
- Message your therapist whenever — no appointments necessary
- Get messages back throughout the day, 5 days a week
- Choose real-time face-to-face video visits by appointment, when needed
- Access Talkspace Psychiatry to schedule live video sessions with a psychiatrist trained in mental health care and prescription management for a tailored treatment plan

Simply register (first visit only), choose a provider and message anywhere, anytime at talkspace.com/connect.



Family formation

Family planning

UnitedHealthcare offers a variety of family planning benefits for same-sex couples. Today, an increasing number are planning and creating their families through assisted reproductive technology (ART) and surrogacy, as well as adoption and foster care. Just how many LGBTQ+ families are on the rise? Between 2M – 3.7M children under age 18 are reported to have an LGBTQ+ parent⁵—and 63% of LGBTQ+ people who are planning families expect to use ART, foster care or adoption to become parents.⁶

Adoption and Surrogacy Reimbursement

If you are thinking about adoption or surrogacy, John Deere is here to help you welcome your new child. With the Adoption and Surrogacy Reimbursement Benefit, you have support to cover the costs of bringing a new child into your family. Salary and management represented production employees are eligible for this benefit. You can get reimbursed up to \$30,000 in your lifetime for eligible expenses related to surrogacy or adoption of a child.



For more information

To learn more about the Adoption and Surrogacy Reimbursement Benefit for those eligible and explore a list of eligible expenses, go to the reimbursement page of the benefit portal at yourbenefitsresources.com/deere.

Family planning programs

Fertility Solutions program

Fertility Solutions provides you with helpful information, emotional support and experienced guidance as you explore options for expanding your family. This program is available for salary and management represented production employees.

Self-schedule calls

Set up a call with a fertility nurse at a time that works best for your schedule

Search for Fertility Centers of Excellence (COEs)

Get care from specialists who have demonstrated potential in increasing the chance of having a baby

Get 24/7 online learning

Explore our program and get answers to questions on fertility, possible treatment options and how to cope with the challenges they may bring

Call myHEALTH at **1-888-JDEERE1 (1-888-533-3731)**, Monday–Friday, 7 a.m.–6 p.m. CT.

Visit myuhc.phs.com/fertility



A dedicated team of experienced fertility nurses to help you:

- Get information on causes of infertility and treatment options
- Find doctors, clinics and facilities that meet your needs
- Navigate the health care system and make the most of your benefits



Family planning programs (cont'd)

Maternity support

Whether you're thinking about having a baby or have one on the way, maternity support is here to provide information and resources—from planning for a pregnancy to postpartum.

Offering support throughout your journey

Maternity support is designed for a variety of situations, to help you no matter what your pregnancy journey looks like.

Start by taking a maternity support assessment, which only takes minutes to complete. Based on your responses, a maternity nurse may reach out to you to help connect you with the care you need, answer your questions and support you every step of the way. A maternity nurse is trained to:

- Share information designed to help you care for your and your baby's health
- Help you choose a doctor or nurse midwife
- Support your physical, mental and emotional health—before and after birth
- Help you find a pediatrician or other specialist



Learn more

Visit myuhc.com/maternity to complete the assessment, watch videos and learn more about maternity support



Additional LGBTQ+ resources

Support, advocacy and community

If you—or someone in the LGBTQ+ community who you care about—struggle with a mental health problem or substance use disorder, help is available. You're not alone. Here are some tools to help you get started. Call 911 if you are in immediate danger or having a medical emergency. If you are in crisis or thinking about suicide, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 988.

Mental health

The Trevor Project – National Youth LGBTQ Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention
1-866-488-7386
Text START to 678-678
[thetrevorproject.org](https://www.thetrevorproject.org)

SAGE National LGBT Elder Hotline
1-877-360-LGBT (5428)
[sageusa.org](https://www.sageusa.org)

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
988
Text MHA to 741741
[suicidepreventionlifeline.org](https://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org)

National Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-799-7233
Text LOVEIS to 22522
[thehotline.org](https://www.thehotline.org)

Pride 365+
pride365plus.com

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
800-950-6264
Text HelpLine to 62640

National Sexual Assault Hotline
1-800-656-HOPE (4673)
Chat online at:
hotline.rainn.org/online

Black Mental Health Alliance (BMHA)
blackmentalhealth.com

CenterLink LGBT Community Center
Member Directory
lgbtcenters.org/LGBTCenters

The Gay and Lesbian Medical Association's Provider Directory
glma.org

The LGBT National Help Center
glbntnationalhelpcenter.org

National Queer and Trans Therapists of Color Network
nqttcn.com/directory

Trans Lifeline
translifeline.org

PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)
pflag.org

Substance use disorders

Optum Substance Use Disorder Helpline
1-855-780-5955

SAMHSA's National Helpline
1-800-662-HELP (4357) and
TTY **1-800-487-4889**



Learn more

Find more LGBTQ+ resources at
pride365plus.com

Additional benefits

Parental Leave

John Deere provides a specified period of time off with pay to bond with a newborn or adopted child, if eligible. Refer to your Summary Plan Description (SPD), which is located by selecting the Plan Information link from the benefit portal at yourbenefitsresources.com/deere.

Short term disability

John Deere provides short term disability insurance to help you meet your financial needs if you become unable to work due to an illness or injury. Short term disability insurance is available at no extra cost to John Deere employees.

To learn more about these additional benefits, go to your SPD by selecting the Plan Information link from the benefit portal at yourbenefitsresources.com/deere.



When you need it most

A critical aspect of John Deere's commitment to your well-being is ensuring that you have the tools and resources necessary to gain access to critically important and inclusive health care offerings, such as paid leave.



FAQ

Q: Why is it important to use network providers?

A: Network providers generally:

- Bill the patient only for applicable deductible, copays and/or coinsurance
- Submit claims on behalf of members directly to the plan
- Work with the plan to gain the appropriate prior authorizations
- Have passed the accepted credential review and quality requirements for UnitedHealthcare
- Use network facilities, labs and other providers

Out-of-network providers generally:

- Bill patients for deductible, copays and/or coinsurance in addition to the difference between their billed amount and the covered amount—this can add up to thousands of additional dollars out-of-pocket for the patient (called balance billing)
- May require full payment prior to the services being rendered
- May not submit claims directly to insurance companies, leaving the patient to obtain reimbursement
- May not have passed the accepted credential review and quality requirements for UnitedHealthcare
- May use out-of-network facilities, labs or other providers

Q: Can billing surprises be avoided?

A: To avoid surprise costs:

- Stay in contact with a UnitedHealthcare Advocate about upcoming services
- Be aware that using out-of-network providers increases the risk of surprise bills later



FAQ (cont'd)

Q: What if a network provider is not available?

A: If a network provider is not available within 30 miles of the patient's home, contact a UnitedHealthcare Advocate, who can provide direction for "Network Gap Exception." A "Network Gap Exception" approval allows the plan to pay claims for approved services at the network level of benefits. It is at the provider's discretion as to whether they will agree to a discounted rate, require payment upfront or submit claims directly to the plan.

Q: How can I find a network provider?

A: To find a network provider for:

- **Behavioral health and medical services** – Call a UnitedHealthcare Advocate or sign in to myuhc.com, choose **Find Care & Costs** and type LGBTQ in the search bar
- **Hair-related services** – Call a UnitedHealthcare Advocate for assistance

Q: What if I choose to use an out-of-network provider?

A: If there are network providers within 30 miles of your home, but you choose to use an out-of-network provider, coverage will be subject to out-of-network benefits, and you will be responsible for costs not covered by your health plan.



Contacts

myHEALTH at **1-888-JDEERE1 (1-888-533-3731)**

Cost of care

[myuhc.com](#)

Click **Coverage & Benefits** to access your annual deductible, out-of-pocket maximum, copay or coinsurance for network and out-of-network coverage

Find a provider

[myuhc.com](#)

Tap **Find Care & Costs** tab, then type LGBTQ in the search bar

HRC provider search

hrc.org/resources/hei-map

Virtual care

uhc.com/virtualcare

Prescription benefits

[myuhc.com / client.optumrx.com/login](#)

UnitedHealthcare Advocates

1-888-JDEERE1 (1-888-533-3731)

UnitedHealthcare app / OptumRx app

Behavioral health

Emotional Wellbeing Solutions (your EAP)

[liveandworkwell.com](#) access code: **Deere**

or call **1-888-533-7311**

LGBTQ+ ally providers

Tap **Find Care & Costs** tab, then type LGBTQ in the search bar

Pride365+

[pride365plus.com](#)

Virtual care

[myuhc.com](#) > **Find Care & Costs** > **Virtual Care** > **Behavioral Health Care** > **Get Started** and call the provider to set up an appointment

Talkspace

talkspace.com/connect

LGBTQ+ health care

The National LGBTQIA+ Health Education Center

lgbtqiahealtheducation.org

Transgender-specific care

Advocates for Gender Dysphoria

1-800-326-9166

Family planning

Maternity support

myuhc.com/maternity

Fertility Solutions program

1-1-866-774-4626

myuhc.phs.com/fertility

HRC criteria

This LGBTQ+ benefits guide was created using the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Foundation’s 2023 Corporate Equality Index criteria for inclusive benefits.

This criterion includes, but is not limited to:

-  Equivalency in same- and different-sex spousal or domestic partner benefits
 -  Equal health coverage for transgender individuals
 -  Policy documentation based on the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) Standards of Care
 -  Clear communication of inclusive benefits to employees and their eligible dependents
-  Other benefits available for other medical conditions are also available to transgender individuals. Specifically, where available for employees, the following benefits should all extend to transgender individuals, including for transition-related services:
 - Short term medical leave
 - Mental health benefits
 - Pharmaceutical coverage (e.g., for hormone replacement therapies)
 - Coverage for medical visits or laboratory services
 - Coverage for reconstructive surgical procedures related to gender affirmation

Please note that this document is not a guarantee that all services listed will be rendered. Instead, this document captures the covered health care services and treatment options that are provided by John Deere as well as resources to clarify these offerings. Feel free to consult with the contacts listed respecting additional requirements and procedures for gaining access to covered services.



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¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/basics/prevention.html>.

² <https://hivinfo.nih.gov/understanding-hiv/fact-sheets/what-start-choosing-hiv-treatment-regimen>.

³ <https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/basics/hiv-testing/getting-tested.html#:~:text=CDC%20recommends%20that%20everyone%20between,find%20out%20your%20HIV%20status>.

⁴ <https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/basics/livingwithhiv/treatment.html>.

⁵ <https://www.familyequality.org/resources/facts-about-lgbtq-families/>.

⁶ https://www.familyequality.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/LGBTQ-Family-Building-Study_Jan2019-1.pdf.

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The information provided under Maternity Support is for general informational purposes only and is not intended to be nor should be construed as medical and/or nutritional advice. Participants should consult an appropriate health care professional to determine what may be right for them. If you believe you may have an emergency medical condition you should seek immediate care at an emergency department or call 9-1-1. Employers are responsible for ensuring that any wellness programs they offer to their employees comply with applicable state and/or federal law, including, but not limited to, GINA, ADA and HIPAA wellness regulations, which in many circumstances contain maximum incentive threshold limits for all wellness programs combined that are generally limited to 30 percent of the cost of self-only coverage of the lowest-cost plan, as well as obligations for employers to provide certain notices to their employees. Employers should discuss these issues with their own legal counsel.

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This summary highlights commonly used services and generally indicates how you and a medical plan will cover medical expenses you and/or your enrolled dependents incur. Benefits are provided for covered services unless otherwise indicated. Some services are subject to annual or lifetime limits. This guide does not reflect all covered services, plan exclusions, limitations, or restrictions. It is not a contract or guarantee of coverage. A full list of covered services is available in the Summary Plan Description, which can be found on [XXX website].

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