

# 2026 CA 1-100 UnitedHealthcare Fully Insured

Choice Simplified = One Package (mix/match any or all plans across any available network)

Online Portal = [www.uhceservices.com](http://www.uhceservices.com)

## Underwriting Highlights

- Participation:**
  - 25% participation for groups of 5+ enrolled or more
  - 60% participation for groups 1-4 enrolled employees
- Staff Model Wrap PROMO 01/01/26-12/31/26:** 2 staff model carriers permitted –**need 5 enrolled with UHC with 25% participation between UHC & 2 staff model carrier(s). No CA minimum required. 51% CA eligibles required.**
  - Note: May not write alongside CalChoice or Covered California*
- Employer contribution:** At least 50% of EE premium or a minimum of \$100 dollars of EE premium
- Groups with 3 or more enrolled employees** can submit participation certification form in lieu of DE9-C
- Start-Up groups:** require 2-weeks of payroll; group needs to be in business 6 weeks prior to effective date; all other guidelines apply
- OOS guidelines:** UHC can write groups *without* 51% eligible employees in CA. Situs state is based on majority of enrolling employees. Multi-Site Guidelines apply (no more than 25% of the group can be in Vermont)
- SAMx Group submissions** 1-2 “eligible” employees require electronic payment (EFT); binder check is not an option. *Also applies to groups of 3+ eligible with only 1 enrolling employee!*
- Owner-Only groups:** C & S-corps and LLC groups permitted\* (*non-spouse related*) - with at least two owners (non-spouses) and have at least one enrolling owner actively working the minimum required hours  
  
**NOTE:** UHC will no longer write or renew groups that have only the Owner enrolling while their common-law employee(s) are waiving coverage. These groups will be required to have at least one eligible enrolled common law employee (w2) (*non-spouse*)
- Effective dates –** Groups with UnitedHealthcare Navigate, Core, Select Plus, Select Plus Direct, Select Plus HSA and Traditional: Renewal date will automatically default to the first of the month.

## Renewal Highlights

- Risk management** : Effective 8/1/23, only small groups with less than 3 enrolled employees (micro groups) will be subject to recertification. Groups of 3 or more enrolled employees will be excluded from the automated selection process and only subject to recertification on a case-by-case bases

## Product Highlights

**Virtual Office Visits** – included in all plans; with AmWell, Doctors on Demand, and TelaDoc visits. \$0 member cost share. Cost share applies to *HDHP members*.

### Pharmacy Info:

- Broad Network For All Plans** - includes all UHC contracted pharmacies
- Specialty Medication Cost Share (SMCS)** – specialty Rx cost share tiers; designated Optum Specialty Pharmacy
- Vital Medications program** – No cost to members (*Insulin, Glucagon, Albuterol, Epinephrine, etc.*)

**Chiro/Acu** - included in all HMO & PPO plans (*excluding HMO state-package*)

**EAP** – PPO enrollees only; 3 free counseling sessions per incident, per year

**Prior authorization requirement:** UHC reduced PA requirements starting Sept. 2023

## Wellness / Rewards

**UHC Rewards Program** – Enrolled EE & Spouses can earn up to:

- Core up to \$300 max (All PPO & HMO plans)
- Premium up to \$1,000 max (All PPO HSA plans, Bronze 5500 & Bronze 7500)
- Electronic visa gift card; reward \$ can be used for any expenses not just medical

**One Pass Select** - subscription based fitness network of gyms and studios. 4 packages to choose from.

*Enrolled EE, Spouse, & Dependents 18+ are eligible to participate*

**Quit For Life** – Smoking cessation program to help members quit smoking for good. Free online courses, quit coaching support, online support and mobile app.

## Quarterly Rate Action

- 2026 Q1**
  - NorCal: PPO 4.5%, HMO 6.0%
  - SoCal: PPO 4.5%, HMO 4.3%

## Networks

**Select Plus** = Full PPO national network

**Core** = Narrow PPO national network (excluding Idaho ee's)

**Signature** = Full HMO

**Alliance** = High Performance Narrow HMO

Fresno, Kern, Kings, LA, Madera, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo and Ventura Counties

**Harmony** = Simplified Narrow HMO

Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego Counties (*based on zip code availability, some partial counties!*)

## Specialty

**Package Savings 2-100** – bundle medical, dental, vision, life, LTD (*Excludes Voluntary plans*).

*PEPM Credits off enrolled medical employees*

- Dental \$3; Vision \$2; Life \$1 or Life&LTD \$2*

### Quick Facts:

Vision: *Voluntary = 2 eligible, only 1 to enroll!*

Dental: *Voluntary = 2 eligible, min 2 enrolling*

Vision & Dental: *Contributory = Min 50% part. of total eligible*

Dental Ortho plans: *5 eligible with 3 enrolling*

Dental Dual option PPO/PPO: *10 enrolling*

Dental Dual option HMO/PPO: *5 eligible with 3 enrolling*



## UNDERWRITING HIGHLIGHTS

**Participation:** 25% of all eligible must participate

**ERISA** eligible and compliant groups only

**Employer contribution:** At least 50% of EE premium

**Group size:** 5 enrolled -100 eligible

**Maximum plans available:** 15

**PEPM:** Default \$55 (negotiable)

**OOS guidelines:** Plurality rules applies – Greatest number of enrollees must live or work in the state where company is physically located.

**Kaiser wrap guidelines:** 25% of all eligible must participate with UHC

**HRA:** Permitted, UHC does not monitor HRA wrapping (*UHC does not administer*)

**Individual Stop Loss:** Minimum \$75K up to \$100K

**Aggregate Stop Loss:** 125% of expected claims

**12/60 Stop Loss:**

- No lasering
- No carry over deficit
- Stop Loss policy is incurred vs paid claims

**Surplus:**

- Possible surplus refund when actual claims cost are less than maximum claims liability.
- Group must be active month 18 to be eligible.
- Reconciliation occurs month 19.
- 50% surplus refunded credit on invoice month 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>

**Monthly reports:** Excess Loss Summary, Rx Utilization, Provider Utilization, Claim Activity report and much more.

**Hawaii employees:** UHC no longer writes HI employees on Level Funded groups



No deductibles; No Coinsurance = **Copays Only**

Average savings of **54%** for Employees, **15%** for Employers.

Surest Level Funded Plans can be paired with UHC Level Funded plans

Contact your local UHC Account Executive for plan details

## ADDITIONAL VALUE ADDS

**HealthiestYou Virtual Services** (only for UHC Level Funded, not Surest):

**General Medicine - 24/7 Doctor Visits**

- Non-HSA member cost share \$0
- HSA member cost share \$54 (*HSA member cost share applies until plan deductible is satisfied*)

**Mental Health**

- Non-HSA member cost share \$0
- HSA member cost share:
  - 1- Therapist \$95
  - 2- Psychiatrist (with RX capabilities)
    - 1st visit \$235
    - Subsequent visits \$105

**Dermatology**

- Non-HSA member cost share \$0
- HSA member cost share \$85

**Expert Medical Services** offering second opinion expert medical advice; **no additional cost**

**myStrength Complete** offers a digital mental wellness program; **no additional cost**

\*Other virtual visit provider groups available to level funded members through myuhc.com include, Amwell, Doctors on Demand, and Teladoc Health.

**UHC Premium Rewards:** Participants track daily activities designed to help them move more and take healthy actions, with the potential of getting rewarded up to \$1,000.

**Real Appeal:** Virtual weight management program with personalized support.

**Package Savings:** Bundle medical, dental, vision, life, LTD group can receive administrative credits per enrolled medical employee.

**uBundle:** Up to 4% off medical by adding specialty 5-100

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## NETWORK OPTIONS

Choice Plus (PPO) / Choice (EPO) = Full networks

Select Plus (PPO) / Select (EPO) = Full networks

Core (PPO) / Core Essential (EPO) = Narrow networks

NOTE: Prescription Drug List = Advantage 4-Tier PDL

