

## P Urgent Care Centers – the Right Choice?

Urgent care is for a situation that is urgent but not life-threatening. Urgent care centers (UCC) are convenient, economical and staffed by physicians. They are especially useful when you are out of your usual service area.<sup>1</sup>

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## Benefits include:

- 1. After-hours care
- 2. No appointment required
- 3. Typically a shorter wait time
- 4. Ability to save money (lower copayment than the emergency room if owned and operated by your participating physician group)

If you or a family member is suffering from a non-emergency ailment like a sore throat, earache, back/neck pain, sinus or urinary tract infection, or a headache, you should:

1. Call your doctor first. He or she may book an appointment for you or will recommend an authorized UCC.

- Or find a local urgent care center by visiting www.healthnet.com/uc.
- 2. If your doctor is not available, then call our Nurse 24<sup>SM</sup> line at **1-800-893-5597** for advice It's part of your plan! The nurse or clinician can provide free advice and counseling 24 hours a day.

After visiting an urgent care center, contact your primary care physician. He or she will provide or coordinate any necessary follow-up care.

Find the closest UCC by talking to your doctor or visiting www.healthnet.com/uc.

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Urgent care center name:



You have access to Decision Power through your current enrollment with

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<sup>1</sup>Refer to your Evidence of Coverage document for benefit and coverage information pertaining to urgent care services.

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

Location:

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