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## **UCare's Prepaid Medical Assistance Program expands to Scott, Freeborn counties in 2012**

***PMAP coverage from UCare became available on Jan. 1, 2012;  
plan joins other Medicare and Medicaid  
health coverage plans from UCare***

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 12, 2012 – [UCare](#) announced today that it began serving members of Minnesota's [Prepaid Medical Assistance Program \(PMAP\)](#) in Scott and Freeborn counties on Jan. 1, 2012.

UCare contracts with the [Minnesota Department of Human Services \(DHS\)](#) to offer PMAP services to eligible Minnesotans. UCare was awarded a PMAP service area expansion into Scott County as a result of the metropolitan area competitive bidding process in 2011. UCare also was approved in 2011 for a PMAP service area expansion into Freeborn county in southern Minnesota as part of a PMAP and MinnesotaCare re-procurement process.

“We are very pleased to expand UCare’s Prepaid Medical Assistance Program to Minnesotans in Scott and Freeborn counties,” said Nancy Feldman, UCare’s President and CEO. “UCare has been offering high-quality health coverage to Minnesotans since our inception 27 years ago. We help our PMAP members get the health care they need, and also offer a wide range of preventive health programs and services to help members get and stay well.”

In Freeborn County, PMAP joins UCare’s other health coverage offerings of [MinnesotaCare](#) and [UCare for Seniors](#) Medicare plan. In Scott County, PMAP joins UCare’s ongoing offerings of MinnesotaCare, *UCare for Seniors*, and also [UCare Connect](#), a Special Needs BasicCare health plan for adults with developmental disabilities, certified physical disabilities, and/or mental illness.

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DHS is contracting with seven managed care organizations in 2012 to offer PMAP coverage in the state; currently, there are approximately 400,000 PMAP members in Minnesota. PMAP is a health care program that pays for medical services for low-income families, children, pregnant women, and single adults in Minnesota. PMAP helps members get the care they need to be healthy. This includes coverage for hospital stays, physician services, rehabilitation services, and preventive care. PMAP enrollees must meet income and other eligibility requirements, and enroll in the program either through their county Human Services office or using an online application form.

UCare serves PMAP enrollees in 59 counties across Minnesota: Aitkin, Anoka, Becker, Benton, Blue Earth, Carlton, Carver, Cass, Chippewa, Chisago, Clay, Cook, Cottonwood, Crow Wing, Dakota, Dodge, Faribault, Fillmore, Hennepin, Houston, Isanti, Jackson, Kandiyohi, Kittson, Koochiching, Lac Qui Parle, Lake, Le Sueur, Lincoln, Lyon, Marshall, Martin, Mille Lacs, Mower, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Norman, Olmsted, Otter Tail, Pennington, Pine, Polk, Ramsey, Red Lake, Redwood, Rice, Rock, Roseau, Sherburne, St. Louis, Stearns, Swift, Wabasha, Washington, Watonwan, Winona, Wright, and Yellow Medicine. This expansion to Scott and Freeborn counties will bring the number of counties in UCare's PMAP service area to 61.

**About [UCare](#)**

UCare ([www.ucare.org](http://www.ucare.org)) is an independent, nonprofit health plan providing health care and administrative services to more than 280,000 members. UCare partners with health care providers, counties, and community organizations to create and deliver innovative health coverage products for:

- Individuals and families enrolled in income-based Minnesota Health Care Programs, such as MinnesotaCare and Prepaid Medical Assistance Program.
- Adults with disabilities.
- Minnesotans dually eligible for Medical Assistance and Medicare.
- Medicare-eligible individuals throughout Minnesota and in western Wisconsin.

UCare addresses health care disparities and care access issues through its UCare Fund grants and a broad array of community initiatives. The health plan received Top 100 Workplaces honors in 2010 and 2011 from the *Star Tribune*.