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UCare expands Minnesota Health Care Programs to Becker, Cass, Clay, and Crow Wing counties in 2011

UCare's Prepaid Medical Assistance Program and MinnesotaCare are now available in Becker and Clay counties;

UCare's Prepaid Medical Assistance Program and Minnesota Senior Care Plus join other UCare state public programs in Cass and Crow Wing counties

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 5, 2011 – [UCare](#) has expanded three [Minnesota Health Care Programs](#) to four counties in central and west central Minnesota in 2011.

As of Jan. 1, 2011:

- Eligible residents of Becker and Clay counties in west central Minnesota can choose UCare when enrolling in Prepaid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP) and MinnesotaCare health coverage plans. UCare already serves residents of Becker and Clay counties with its *UCare for Seniors* Medicare Advantage plan.
- Eligible residents of Cass and Crow Wing counties in north central Minnesota can choose UCare when enrolling in PMAP and Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC Plus) health coverage plans. UCare already serves residents of Cass and Crow Wing counties by offering MinnesotaCare and UCare's Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO) coverage plans, and its *UCare for Seniors* Medicare Advantage plan.

“We are pleased to expand UCare’s state public programs to Minnesotans in Becker, Cass, Clay, and Crow Wing counties,” says Nancy Feldman, UCare’s President and CEO. “UCare helps support the health and well-being of our state public program members across Minnesota. Our members can take advantage of a variety of UCare offerings, such as our car seat program for infants and young children, our exclusive *Ready, Get, Fit!* Kit that promotes family fitness, and help with the cost of community education classes.”

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UCare is one of three health plans licensed to offer PMAP, MinnesotaCare, and MSC Plus in partnership with the [Minnesota Department of Human Services](#) (DHS) in these four counties. PMAP is a Minnesota Health Care Program that pays for medical services for low-income families, children, and pregnant women in Minnesota. MSC Plus is a health care program that provides medical services for low-income people in Minnesota who are age 65 or older. MinnesotaCare is a subsidized health care program for families, children and adults without children in Minnesota who can't get affordable health insurance.

UCare partners with DHS to offer:

- PMAP in 59 counties. UCare has been serving people enrolled in PMAP since 1985.
- MSC Plus in 57 counties.
- MinnesotaCare in 80 counties.

About [UCare](#)

UCare (www.ucare.org) is an independent, nonprofit health plan providing health care and administrative services to more than 200,000 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 and Medicare beneficiaries with chronic health conditions.
- 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 a Top Workplaces 2010 honor from the *Star Tribune*.

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