



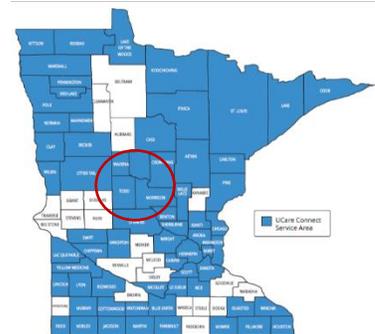
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## **UCare expands its Special Needs BasicCare plan to three central Minnesota counties**

***Health plan will be one of two options in Morrison, Todd and Wadena counties***

MINNEAPOLIS, May 28, 2020 – Starting June 1, 2020, [UCare Connect](#), UCare’s Special Needs BasicCare plan for adults (age 18-64) with certified disabilities, will serve individuals in a total of 65 counties – with the addition of Morrison, Todd and Wadena counties. After these three counties exited the South Country Health Alliance (SCHA) plan last year, the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) invited UCare to enter them as a health plan option for those losing their SCHA plan. UCare is one of two plans available to approximately 760 former SCHA members.



[UCare](#), a community-based, nonprofit health plan, currently serves 12,198 members in these three counties. UCare plans available in the area include Individual & Family MNsure plans, Medicare, MinnesotaCare, Minnesota Senior Care Plus, Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO) and Prepaid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP).

UCare Connect covers health care services for adults age 18-64 with a certified disability who have Medical Assistance and live in the service area. UCare has long been a pioneer of plans for Minnesotans with disabilities. UCare care navigators and care coordinators – and extras such as mobile dental services, healthy food discounts, fitness and Keep Your Coverage programs – provide a robust path to health for these members.

“UCare has been working closely with DHS and the three counties to ensure our program meets the needs of the community,” said Ghita Worcester, Senior Vice President of Public Affairs and Chief Marketing Officer. “We look forward to offering our supportive, disability-focused care model to new UCare Connect members this summer.

## **About UCare**

[UCare](#) is an independent, nonprofit health plan providing health care and administrative services to more than 475,000 members throughout Minnesota and parts of western Wisconsin. UCare partners with health care providers, counties, and community organizations to create and deliver Medicare, Medicaid and Individual & Family health plans.

The health plan addresses health care disparities and care access issues through a broad array of community initiatives. UCare has received Top Workplaces honors from the Star Tribune for ten consecutive years since the rankings began in 2010.

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