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A Year in Review

With the new year, we tend to take a few minutes to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year as well as look forward to the new opportunities ahead.

For Unity, 2011 was an exciting year. Here are just some of the highlights:

- Integrated member and patient database with UW Health to access information as necessary
- Launched MyChart, our new member portal that provides Unity health insurance and UW Health medical information all in one secure location
- Increased our membership to a new level with your help
- Created and implemented a new online enrollment tool to make it easier to enroll new employees
- Ranked as one of the nation's top 50 health plans for the seventh straight year

We're very proud of these achievements and what they mean for you and your clients.

Now that 2012 has begun, we're focusing on new developments and are continuously working to make such a personal service, just that, personal.

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Information for New Unity Members--Check it Out Online

Looking for information to help your new Unity clients and their employees make the most of their health plan? Check out our [online member kit](#).

Within the kit, you'll find information about how to access benefits including the Schedule of Benefits and Certificate of Coverage, learn more about our online tools like MyChart, find out about accessing care as well as discover the ways to be reimbursed through Fitness First & More.

Check it out today!

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UW Health Welcome Center

Do you have clients who are new to Unity and the UW Health system? Don't forget about the UW Health Welcome Center.

The UW Health Welcome Center can help them:

- Select a UW Health primary care physician
- Transfer their medical records from their previous health system
- Gather their medical history
- Schedule an appointment with the Welcome Center clinic, if needed

Members new to Unity can either indicate "Welcome Center" on their application or contact the Welcome Center by calling 608-821-4819 or 800-552-4255 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Pharmacy News--Safety Risks with High Dose Simvastatin

In June, the FDA released new safety information about the cholesterol-lowering medication simvastatin (Zocor®). High doses of simvastatin (80 mg daily) have been shown to increase the risk of myopathy. Myopathy is a medical term used for muscle pain, tenderness and weakness. Lower doses of simvastatin (10 mg, 20 mg, and 40 mg) may also have a higher risk of myopathy when used with other medications. If you take simvastatin, you should review your medications with a health care professional to identify any that may interact with simvastatin. Rarely, simvastatin may cause a severe form of myopathy called rhabdomyolysis. Rhabdomyolysis can damage the kidneys and result in kidney failure and death.

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Wellness Program Featured On Big Ten Network

Tune into "Impact the World" on Tuesday, January 31 at 8:30 p.m.(CST) on the Big Ten Network as they feature UW Health's cardiac disease prevention, screening and rehabilitation program, Active Living and Learning, which is one of the first in the country and offered to Unity members.

"Impact the World" is a powerful new original eight-part series that shifts the focus from the playing fields to the world stage as they travel to all 12 Big Ten universities to spotlight the life-changing influence they have around the globe through research projects that inform the way we live, think, learn and heal.

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