Universal Family Care

An Integrated Approach

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Research Director, Caring Across Generations Universal Family Care would be a new social insurance program to which everyone would contribute while they are working, and from which everyone would benefit. Universal Family Care Insures for 3 Care Needs



The case for an integrated, universal approach

We all juggle work and care

Not just those with low income

More efficient way to pay for care

Families pay a little from each paycheck rather than a lot during time of crisis

More family friendly

Allows families to focus on one other during care episodes

One stop shop

Less red tape for families and states due to single access point, lack of means testing



As Leah begins to explore her options, UFC offers her an integrated approach to care supports grounded in her specific family care situation:

First, it asks what she needs. Then, it suggests a personalized set of supports she may be eligible for.

Welcome.

Universal Family Care supports American families with benefits and resources for quality care across every stage of life.

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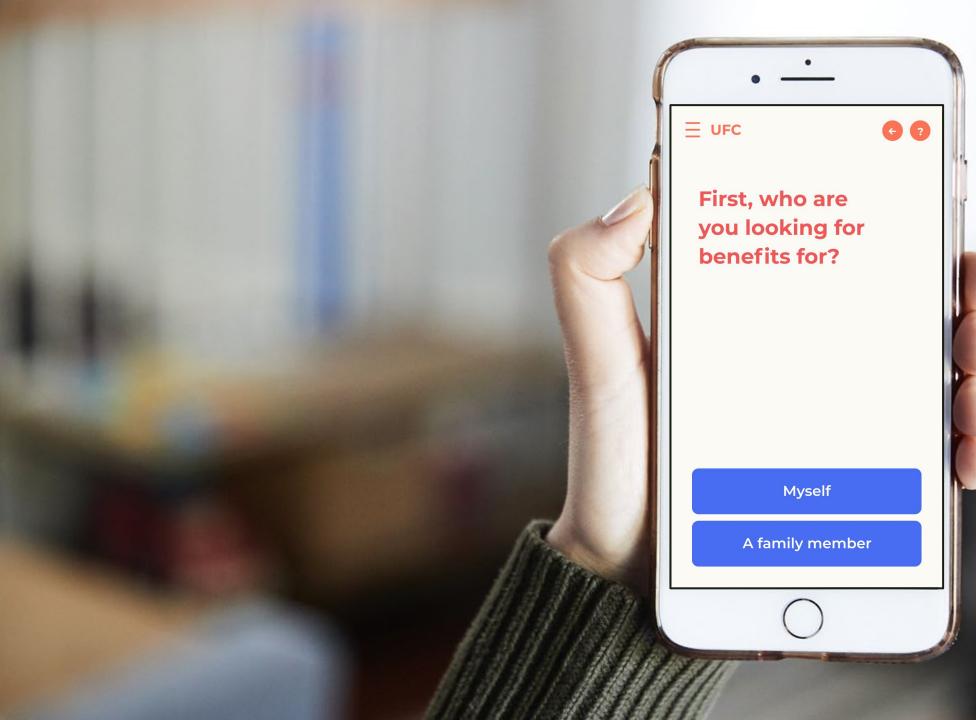
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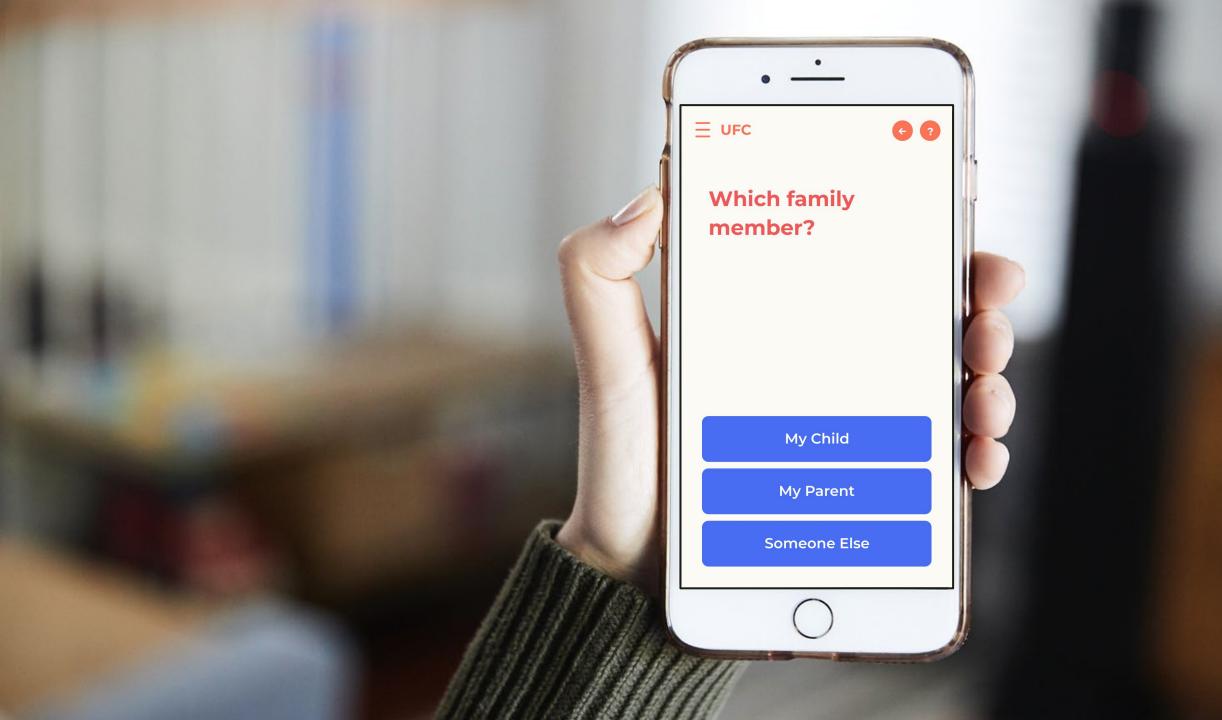
Assess your care needs.

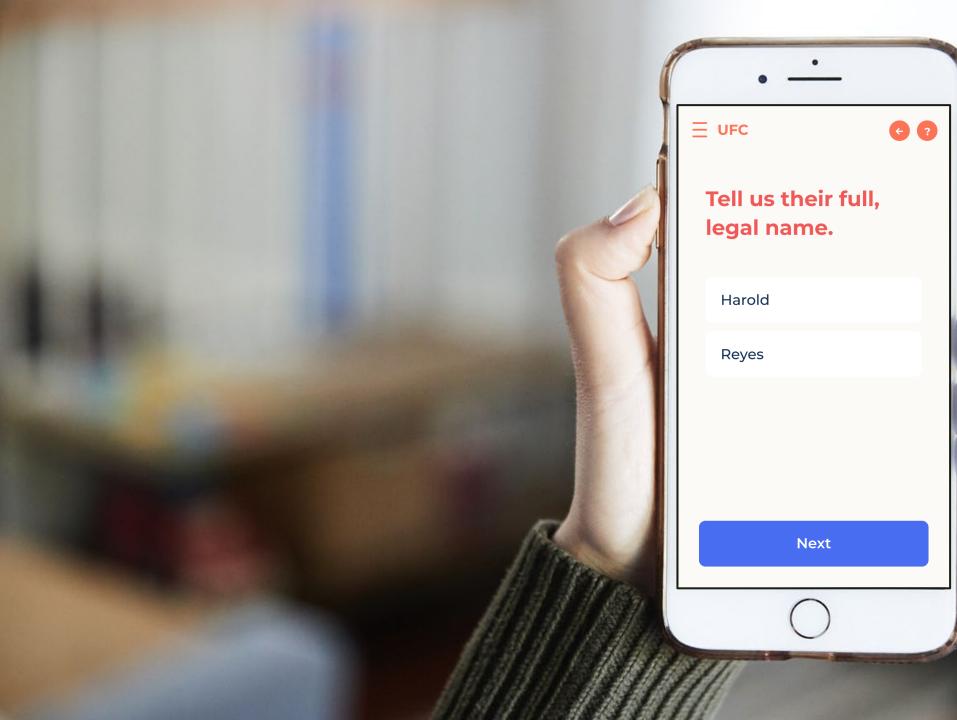
To learn about benefits you could be eligible for, answer a few simple questions about your situation.

Then, you'll be guided through an application tailored to your family's needs.

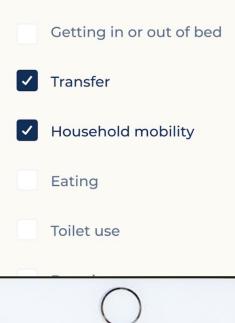
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What sorts of activities do you think Harold needs help with?



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Is Harold currently enrolled in any other benefits or health insurance programs?

Medicare Select Complete

UFC can help.

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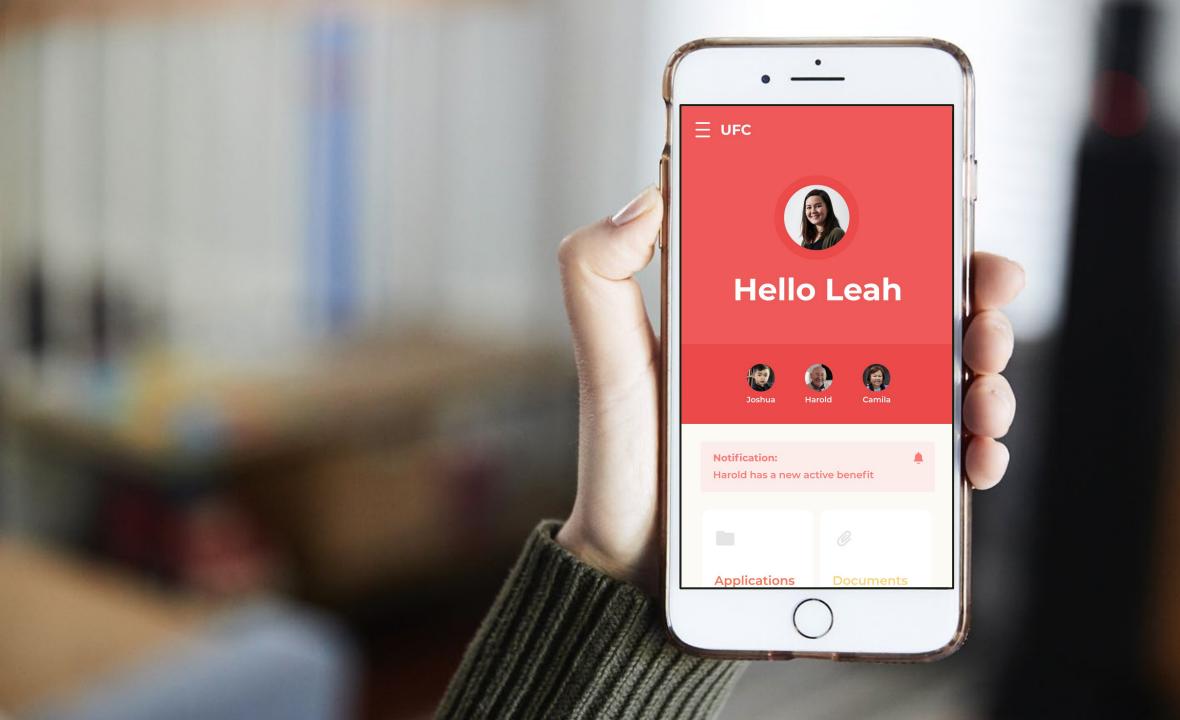


Based on your answers, you and your family may be eligible to receive the following types of benefits:

POSSIBLE BENEFITS:

Over the course of Leah's lifetime, there will be multiple moments when she might need Universal Family Care...

In each of these moments, UFC offers Leah guidance, resources, and relief she needs to care for her family. Let's take a look at how she manages her UFC dashboard.



Pillars of a Universal Family Care program

Work is the foundation

Everyone who is working contributes and the program enables people to work

Flexible and portable

Covers people across jobs, including 1099 income, across the life course as needs change

Single access point for variety of supports

Supports change as care needs change

Invests in care workforce

Compensation, labor protections, career ladders

UFC Design Elements and Considerations

Two structural approaches:

General Revenues

Contributory social insurance approach Ι. **Benefits** Trust **Payroll** for Plan Fund **Taxes Participants** Comprehensive approach Π. Payroll Taxes **Benefits** Trust For All Fund Residents **Other Dedicated Taxes or**

Option 1: Core Contributory UFC

- Only contributors can benefit; vesting requirement for long-term services and supports
- Modest benefits, but sufficient to help most people
- Stable, predictable funding

Option 3: Core Comprehensive UFC

- Covers everyone, not just workers
- Reduces inequality by covering most vulnerable populations
- Covers those aged 65+ via premiums

Option 2: Expanded Contributory UFC

- More generous benefits than Core Contributory
- Less stringent vesting requirements for long-term services and supports
- Higher cost than Core Contributory

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Option 4: Expanded Comprehensive UFC

- Most universal coverage
- Makes early child care and education available to all children free of charge (like public school)
- Stipend for full-time family caregivers
- Higher cost than Core Comprehensive

What Level of Financing Would be Required?

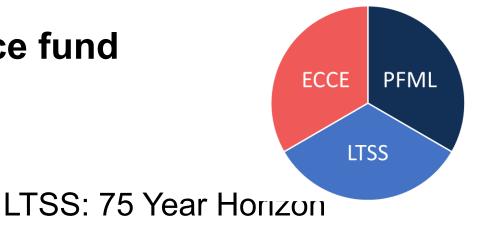
Preliminary ballpark estimate:

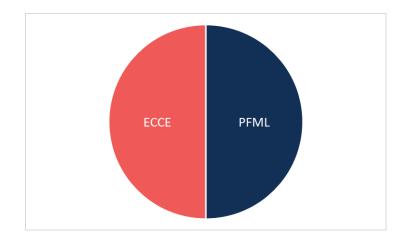
UFC Program	Social Security Payroll Tax Rate	Income Tax Rate	Medicare Tax		Medicare Tax		
			(if payroll tax only)		(if payroll & investment income tax)		
			Payroll tax rate	Additional rate on earnings > \$200k/\$250k	Payroll tax rate	Additional rate on earnings > \$200k/\$250k	Investment income tax rate
ECCE: NAS Illustrative Package PFML: Family Act LTSS: Front-End Coverage	2.02%	1.48%	1.55%	0.66%	1.44 %	0.61%	2.56%

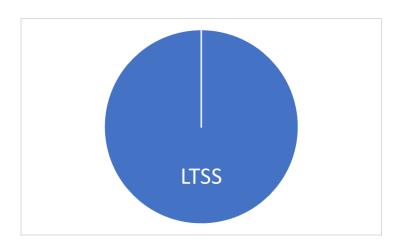
Financial Integration

- Highly integrated: One care insurance fund
- Moderately integrated: Two funds

ECCE/PFML: 1-2 Year Horizon







How Could UFC Benefit Society?

Families

 Make affordable child care and long-term services and supports widely available

Empower families to make their own decisions about how to balance work and family care

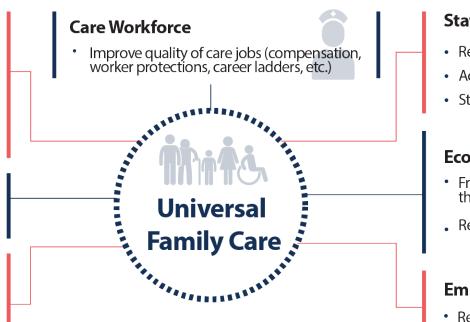
- Reduce stress and negative health outcomes for family caregivers

Workers

• Reduce lost wages, and potentially job loss

Care Recipients

- Make early care and education available to all children
- Increase self-direction (empowering people with disabilities to determine how and by whom their care needs are met)



State

- Reduce Medicaid spending
- Accommodate needs of an aging population
- Streamline administrative functions

Economy

- Free up many family caregivers to stay in the workforce
- Reduce poverty

Employers

Reduce lost productivity and employee turnover



