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Medical Policy Update Bulletin: November 2023

Access a policy listed below for complete details on the latest updates. A comprehensive summary of changes is provided at the bottom of every policy document for your reference. To view a detailed version of this bulletin, click [here](#).

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Now Available: New Policy Library for UMR

The Medical Policies and Medical Benefit Drug Policies for **UMR** are now housed in their own library on [UHCprovider.com](#). The policies, along with their corresponding Medical Policy Update Bulletin, are available for your reference at [UHCprovider.com > Resources > Health plans, policies, protocols and guides > For Commercial Plans > UnitedHealthcare | UMR Medical & Drug Policies](#).

Medical Policy Updates

Policy Title	Status	Effective Date
Ablative Treatment for Spinal Pain	Updated	Jan. 1, 2024
Computed Tomographic Colonography	Updated	Jan. 1, 2024
Electroretinography	Revised	Jan. 1, 2024
Electromagnetic Therapy for Wounds	Updated	Jan. 1, 2024
Infertility Diagnosis, Treatment, and Fertility Preservation	Revised	Jan. 1, 2024
Injectables for Reconstructive Procedures	Revised	Jan. 1, 2024
Light and Laser Therapy	Revised	Jan. 1, 2024
Minimally Invasive Procedures for Gastric and Esophageal Diseases	Revised	Jan. 1, 2024
Molecular Oncology Companion Diagnostic Testing	Revised	Jan. 1, 2024
Molecular Oncology Testing for Hematologic Cancer Diagnosis, Prognosis, and Treatment Decisions	Revised	Jan. 1, 2024
Molecular Oncology Testing for Solid Tumor Cancer Diagnosis, Prognosis, and Treatment Decisions	Revised	Jan. 1, 2024
Neurophysiologic Testing and Monitoring	Updated	Jan. 1, 2024
Omnibus Codes	Revised	Jan. 1, 2024
Pharmacogenetic Panel Testing	Updated	Jan. 1, 2024
Plagiocephaly and Craniosynostosis Treatment	Updated	Nov. 1, 2023
Preventive Care Services	Revised	Jan. 1, 2024
Sacroiliac Joint Interventions	Revised	Jan. 1, 2024
Surgery of the Elbow	Updated	Nov. 1, 2023
Surgery of the Shoulder	Updated	Nov. 1, 2023
Surgical Treatment for Lymphedema	Updated	Nov. 1, 2023
Vagus and External Trigeminal Nerve Stimulation	Updated	Jan. 1, 2024
Video Electroencephalographic (vEEG) Monitoring and Recording	Updated	Jan. 1, 2024

Policy Title	Status	Effective Date
Visual Information Processing Evaluation and Orthoptic and Vision Therapy	Updated	Jan. 1, 2024

Medical Benefit Drug Policy Updates

Policy Title	Status	Effective Date
Botulinum Toxins A and B	Revised	Dec. 1, 2023
Elevidys™ (Delandistrogene Moxparovec-Rokl)	Revised	Dec. 1, 2023
Gonadotropin Releasing Hormone Analogs	Updated	Nov. 1, 2023
Ilaris® (Canakinumab)	Revised	Dec. 1, 2023
Krystexxa® (Pegloticase)	Revised	Dec. 1, 2023
Leqvio® (Inclisiran)	Revised	Dec. 1, 2023
Luxturna® (Voretigene Neparovec-Rzyl)	Revised	Dec. 1, 2023
Ophthalmologic Policy: Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor (VEGF) Inhibitors	Revised	Dec. 1, 2023
Respiratory Interleukins (Cinqair®, Fasenra®, & Nucala®)	Revised	Dec. 1, 2023
Roctavian™ (Valoctocogene Roxaparovec-Rvox)	Revised	Dec. 1, 2023
Tezspire® (Tezepelumab-Ekko)	Revised	Dec. 1, 2023
Xolair® (Omalizumab)	Revised	Dec. 1, 2023
Zolgensma® (Onasemnogene Abeparovec-Xioi)	Revised	Dec. 1, 2023

General Information

The inclusion of a health service (e.g., test, drug, device, or procedure) in this bulletin indicates only that UnitedHealthcare is adopting a new policy and/or updated, revised, replaced, or retired an existing policy; it does not imply that UnitedHealthcare provides coverage for the health service. Note that most benefit plan documents exclude from benefit coverage health services identified as investigational or unproven/not medically necessary. Physicians and other health care professionals may not seek or collect payment from a member for services not covered by the applicable benefit plan unless first obtaining the member's written consent, acknowledging that the service is not covered by the benefit plan and that they will be billed directly for the service.

Note: The absence of a policy does not automatically indicate or imply coverage. As always, coverage for a health service must be determined in accordance with the member's benefit plan and any applicable federal or state regulatory requirements. Additionally, UnitedHealthcare reserves the right to review the clinical evidence supporting the safety and effectiveness of a medical technology prior to rendering a coverage determination.

UnitedHealthcare respects the expertise of the physicians, health care professionals, and their staff who participate in our network. Our goal is to support you and your patients in making the most informed decisions regarding the choice of quality and cost-effective care, and to support practice staff with a simple and predictable administrative experience. The Medical Policy Update Bulletin was developed to share important information regarding UnitedHealthcare Medical Policy and Medical Benefit Drug Policy updates. When information in this bulletin conflicts with applicable state and/or federal law, UnitedHealthcare follows such applicable federal and/or state law.

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Policy Update Classifications

New

New clinical coverage criteria have been adopted for a health service (e.g., test, drug, device, or procedure)

Updated

An existing policy has been reviewed and changes have not been made to the clinical coverage criteria; however, items such as the clinical evidence, FDA information, and/or list(s) of applicable codes may have been updated

Revised

An existing policy has been reviewed and revisions have been made to the clinical coverage criteria

Replaced

An existing policy has been replaced with a new or different policy

Retired

The health service(s) addressed in the policy are no longer being managed or are considered to be proven/medically necessary and are therefore not excluded as unproven/not medically necessary services, unless coverage guidelines or criteria are otherwise documented in another policy



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