



## Provider Alert

### Update to Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction for Diagnostic Cardiovascular and Ophthalmology Procedures Policy

We're changing the way we currently reimburse claims based on our Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction (MPPR) for Diagnostic Cardiovascular and Ophthalmology Procedures Reimbursement Policy. The policy itself is not changing, but we're resuming payment reductions based on the policy for claims processed on or after Nov. 27, 2018.

UnitedHealthcare follows Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reimbursement guidelines in reducing reimbursement for secondary and subsequent procedures for multiple procedures that are reported on the same day. However, we realized in October 2017 that our claims processing software was not aligning this policy with the correct reimbursement rate. To prevent incorrect payments, we stopped applying reductions at that time to Medicare and Dual Special Needs Plan (DSNP) claims.

We have now corrected our software, so all Medicare and DSNP claims processed on or after Nov. 27, 2018, will apply the correct reduction for multiple procedures on the same day, according to the MPPR for Diagnostic Cardiovascular and Ophthalmology Procedures Reimbursement Policy.

If you'd like to review this policy, please visit [UHCprovider.com](http://UHCprovider.com) > Menu > Policies and Protocol > Community Plan Policies > Reimbursement Policies for Community Plan > [Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction \(MPPR\) for Diagnostic Cardiovascular and Ophthalmology Procedures Policy](#).

#### Note Regarding Reimbursement Policies

As with all UnitedHealthcare Community Plan policies, other factors affecting reimbursement may supplement, modify or in some cases supersede this policy. These factors include but are not limited to federal and/or state regulatory requirements, physician or other provider contracts, and/or the member's benefit coverage documents.

Unless otherwise noted as follows, these reimbursement policies apply to services reported using the CMS-1500 or its electronic equivalent, or its successor form.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan reimbursement policies do not address all issues related to reimbursement for services rendered to our members, such as the member's benefit plan documents; our medical policies; and the UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Physician, Health Care Professional, Facility and Ancillary Provider Administrative Guide. Meeting the terms of a particular reimbursement policy is not a guarantee of payment. Likewise, retirement of a reimbursement policy affects only those system edits associated with the specific policy being retired. Retirement of a reimbursement policy is not a guarantee of payment. Other applicable reimbursement and medical policies and claims edits will continue to apply.

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If there's an inconsistency or conflict between the information in this provider notification and the posted policy, the provisions of the posted reimbursement policy prevail. If you have any questions, please contact your health plan representative or call the number on your Provider Remittance Advice/Explanation of Benefits.

### We're Here to Help

If you have questions about this policy, please call Provider Services at the number listed on the back of the member's ID card. Thank you.