

New Vitamin D Reimbursement Policy – UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Louisiana

Effective Dec. 1, 2020

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Louisiana is implementing a new Vitamin D testing reimbursement policy that applies to claims with dates of service on or after **Dec. 1, 2020**. Prevailing clinical evidence only considers Vitamin D testing to be clinically appropriate if it's done when a patient is diagnosed with certain medical conditions. In those cases, we're limiting UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members to four tests in a 12-month period.

What This Means for You

For claims processed on or after Dec. 1, 2020, our new reimbursement policy will reimburse one Vitamin D screening (CPT® code **82306** or **82652**) per year, per member.

For members diagnosed with one of the listed diagnosis codes in the reimbursement policy, up to four Vitamin D tests will be reimbursed per year. For these members, **we'll deny claims for any Vitamin D tests beyond the fourth test in a 12-month period.**

Note About 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, these reimbursement policies apply to services reported using the CMS-1500 form, its electronic equivalent or its successor form. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan reimbursement policies don't 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 **Administrative Guide or Care Provider Manual.**

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.

Once implemented, the policies may be viewed at **UHCprovider.com/policies** > Community Plan Policies > **Reimbursement Policies for Community Plan.** 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.

We're Here to Help

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

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