

# Updated Intraoperative Neuromonitoring Policy, Professional – Effective May 1, 2020

Effective May 1, 2020, we're updating the Intraoperative Neuromonitoring (IONM) Policy, Professional. The following changes will apply to claims processed on and after May 1, 2020:

- The technical component (modifier TC) of study codes reported with IONM services (95940, 95941 and G0453) in a **non-facility** POS on the same DOS will be denied.
- The professional component (modifier 26) of study codes reported with IONM services (95940, 95941 and G0453) in a **non-facility** POS on the same DOS will be denied.
- Study codes without a TC or 26 modifier reported with IONM services (95940, 95941 and G0453) in **any** POS on the same DOS will be denied.
- To view the applicable codes, please refer to the Intraoperative Neurophysiology section in the American Medical Association CPT manual, beginning with code 95940, and the HCPCS Level II manual, code G0453.
- As a reminder, per UnitedHealthcare Community Plan's Replacement Codes policy, IONM code 95941 is not reimbursable.

We regularly publish the latest reimbursement policy and coverage updates for UnitedHealthcare Community Plan online. You can find these updates at [UHCprovider.com/policies](https://UHCprovider.com/policies) > Community Plan Policies > Reimbursement Policies for Community Plan.

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If you have questions about policy updates, please contact your Network Account Manager or Provider Advocate. Thank you.

### 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 or 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.

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.