

New Respiratory Virus Panel Testing Professional and Facility Reimbursement Policy

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan is implementing a new Respiratory Virus Panel Testing Reimbursement Policy for professional and facility claims with dates of services on or after Oct. 1, 2019.

Multiplex Reverse-Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) testing (CPT codes 87631, 87632 and 87633) will be considered for reimbursement when submitted on a CMS-1500 or UB-04 claim form only when performed in an inpatient facility or an emergency department. This in alignment with the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Claims submitted with procedure code 87631, 87632 or 87633 in any other places of service will be denied. Providers will be instructed that the procedure code is not reimbursable.

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.

We're Here to Help

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