

UnitedHealthcare Commercial Reimbursement Policy Update Bulletin: April 2021

New		
Policy Title	Effective Date	Policy Summary
Laboratory Services Respiratory Viral Panel Testing Policy, Facility	June 1, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a reminder to the communication in the March Network Bulletin, the new Laboratory Services Respiratory Viral Panel Testing Policy, Facility, will be effective for dates of service on or after June 1, 2021. Consistent with guidelines included in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) Local Coverage Determinations, the policy will deny multiplex Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) respiratory viral panels of 6 or more pathogens reported with the following codes: 0115U, 0151U, 0202U, 0223U, 0225U, 87632 and 87633.
Revised		
Policy Title	Effective Date	Summary of Changes
Outpatient Hospital Observation Policy, Facility *	July 1, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2021, the following updates will be made to the Outpatient Hospital Observation Policy, Facility. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The policy will be expanded to include type of bill 078X.
Policy Title	Effective Date	Summary of Changes
Laboratory Services Policy, Professional	June 1, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a reminder to the communication in the March Network Bulletin, effective with dates of service on or after June 1, 2021, UnitedHealthcare will update the Laboratory Services Policy, Professional. Consistent with guidelines included in CMS Local Coverage Determinations, the policy will deny multiplex PCR respiratory viral panels of 6 or more pathogens reported with the following codes: 0115U, 0151U, 0202U, 0223U, 0225U, 87632 and 87633.

*This Reimbursement Policy will also be implemented for UnitedHealthcare Oxford Health Plans on the listed effective date.

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.



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