

UnitedHealthcare Commercial Reimbursement Policy Update Bulletin: August 2021

New		
Policy Title	Effective Date	Policy Summary
Outpatient From-to Date Policy, Facility*	November 1, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new Outpatient From-to Date Policy, Facility will be effective for dates of service on or after November 1, 2021. Consistent with CMS and NUBC guidelines, each revenue code on an institutional claim for outpatient services must include a line-item date of service. The line-item date of service must be within the from-to date on the claim.
Services Incident to a Supervising Health Care Provider Policy, Professional*	August 1, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incident-to requirements, previously included within the Advanced Practice Health Care Provider Policy, Professional, are now set forth in this stand-alone policy in order to add clarification to the Advanced Practice Health Care Provider Policy, Professional. The policy will address the requirements and incident-to criteria for reporting services that are rendered incident-to the services of a Supervising Health Care Provider and reporting shared and split evaluation and management services.
Status Provider Based Billing Policy, Professional and Facility*	October 1, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UnitedHealthcare continues to finalize revisions to the Provider Based Billing Policy, Professional and Facility that was initially communicated in the May 2021 Network Bulletin. United Healthcare is delaying the policy effective date to 10/1/2021. UnitedHealthcare will communicate revisions to the policy in the September Network Bulletin and upcoming Network News publications.

Revised		
Policy Title	Effective Date	Summary of Changes
Advanced Practice Health Care Provider Policy, Professional*	August 1, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verbiage within the policy has been clarified and the “Incident-to” section has been moved to a separate stand-alone policy (Services Incident-to a Supervising Health Care Provider Policy, Professional).
Device, Implant, and Skin Substitute Policy, Facility*	November 1, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective with dates of service on or after November 1, 2021, UnitedHealthcare will update the Device, Implant, and Skin Substitute Policy, Facility. Absorbable material and liquids are considered part of the inpatient and outpatient hospital services provided. Liquids or other materials that are absorbed by the surrounding tissue will not be considered for reimbursement if billed as an implant because they are considered integral to the implant procedure. Liquids or absorbable materials include, but are not limited to, advanced hemostats and sealants, synthetic sealants, topical absorbable hemostats and topical thrombins, bone morphogenetic protein, bone putty or cement, catheters, staples, and clips. Additionally, a supply or instrument is not considered an implant and will not be considered for reimbursement if it is purposed to be removed or discarded during the same inpatient or outpatient procedure or single episode of care in which they are placed in the body.

*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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