

UnitedHealthcare Commercial Reimbursement Policy Update Bulletin: June 2021

| New | | |
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| Policy Title | Effective Date | Policy Summary |
| Inpatient Readmission Review Policy, Facility* | 9/1/2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new Inpatient Readmission Review Policy, Facility, will be effective for dates of service on or after 9/1/2021. • The following policy guidelines will be applied to facility claims when applicable. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Same day readmissions with the same or related condition are required to be combined and reported on the same institutional claim (UB-04 claim form or its electronic equivalent) to be eligible for reimbursement. ○ Same day readmissions with an unrelated condition are required to be reported with condition code B4 on the institutional claim to be eligible for reimbursement. ○ Planned readmissions or leave of absence, are required to be combined and reported on the same institutional claim. Occurrence span code 74 is required to be used to report the dates the leave began and ended. • Exclusions to this policy include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Admissions for chemotherapy or immunotherapy treatment. ○ Admissions to a substance abuse unit or facility. ○ Admissions to an inpatient rehabilitation unit. ○ Readmission after a patient is discharged from the hospital against medical advice. ○ Admissions for covered transplant services during the global case rate period for the transplant. |
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| Delay Notification: Laboratory Services Policy, Professional | July 1, 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The effective date for the Laboratory Services policy update previously announced has been delayed. • Effective with dates of service on or after July 1, 2021, UnitedHealthcare will update the Laboratory Services Policy, Professional. • The policy lab panel bundling criteria will require all individual component lab codes to be present, as set forth in CPT. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A lab panel code should only be reported if all components of the lab panel are rendered. |
| Revision: Provider Based Billing Policy, Professional and Facility* | August 1, 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UnitedHealthcare is clarifying that the previously announced Provider Based Billing Policy, Professional and Facility, will not apply to professional services provided in hospital outpatient locations when the coinciding facility claim is reported with a revenue code other than range 051X (Clinic). |

*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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