# Coverage Summary

## Uterine Services and Procedures

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### Related Medicare Advantage Policy Guidelines:
- Diagnostic Pap Smears (NCD 190.2)
- Gravlee Jet Washer (NCD 230.5)
- Therapeutic Embolization (NCD 20.28)
- Vabra Aspirator (NCD 230.6)

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I. COVERAGE

**Coverage Statement:** Uterine services and procedures are covered when Medicare coverage criteria are met.

**Guidelines/Notes:**

1. **Diagnostic Pap Smear**
   A diagnostic Pap smear and related medically necessary services are covered when ordered by a physician under one of the following conditions:
   - Previous cancer of the cervix, uterus, or vagina that has been or is presently being treated;
   - Previous abnormal pap smear;
   - Any abnormal findings of the vagina, cervix, uterus, ovaries, or adnexa;
   - Any significant complaint by the patient referable to the female reproductive system; or
   - Any signs or symptoms that might in the physician’s judgment reasonably be related to a gynecologic disorder.

   See the [NCD for Diagnostic Pap Smears (190.2)](Accessed September 5, 2018)

   For screening Pap smears and pelvic examination for early detection of cervical or vaginal cancer, see the [Coverage Summary for Preventive Health Services and Procedures](#).

2. **Gravlee Jet Washer**
   Gravlee Jet Washer is covered for diagnosis of a patient with heavy uterine bleeding for detection of endometrial cancer. See the [NCD for Gravlee Jet Washer (230.5)](Accessed September 5, 2018)

3. **Vabra Aspirator**
   Vabra Aspirator is covered for use with patients who exhibit clinical symptoms of endometrial disease (irregular or heavy bleeding). The device is used to in the collection of uterine tissue for study for possible endometrial cancer. See the [NCD for Vabra Aspirator (230.6)](Accessed September 5, 2018)

4. **Therapeutic Embolization**
   Therapeutic embolization **is covered** for hemorrhage and other conditions amenable to this treatment. See the [NCD for Therapeutic Embolization (20.28)](Accessed September 5, 2018)

5. **Uterine Artery Embolization for Treatment of Uterine Fibroids (CPT code 37243)**
   - Medicare has a general [NCD for Therapeutic Embolization (20.28)](Accessed September 5, 2018), but does not have a specific NCD for uterine artery embolization (UAE) for treatment of uterine fibroids.
   - Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs)/Local Coverage Articles (LCAs) do not exist at this time.
   - **For coverage guidelines, refer to the UnitedHealthcare Commercial Medical Policy for Abnormal Uterine Bleeding and Uterine Fibroids.** *(IMPORTANT NOTE: After searching the Medicare Coverage Database, if no state LCD/LCA is found, then use the above referenced policy.)*
   - **Committee approval date: September 18, 2018**
   - Accessed September 5, 2018
6. Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)-guided Focused Ultrasound Ablation (CPT codes 0071T and 0072T)
   - Medicare does not have National Coverage Determination (NCD) for magnetic resonance Imaging (MRI)-guided cryoablation.
   - Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs)/Local Coverage Articles (LCAs) exist and compliance with these policies is required where applicable. For state-specific LCDs/LCAs, refer to the LCD Availability Grid (Attachment A).
   - **For states with no LCDs/LCAs**, see the UnitedHealthcare Commercial Medical Policy for Abnormal Uterine Bleeding and Uterine Fibroids for coverage guideline. (IMPORTANT NOTE: After checking the LCD Availability Grid and searching the Medicare Coverage Database, if no state LCD/LCA is found, then use the above referenced policy.)
   - **Committee approval date**: September 18, 2018
   - **Accessed**: May 20, 2019

7. Hysterectomy for Benign Conditions
   - Medicare does not have National Coverage Determination (NCD) for hysterectomy for benign conditions.
   - Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs)/Local Coverage Articles (LCAs) do not exist at this time.
   - **For coverage guidelines**, refer to the UnitedHealthcare Commercial Medical Policy for Hysterectomy for Benign Conditions. (IMPORTANT NOTE: After searching the Medicare Coverage Database, if no state LCD/LCA is found, then use the above referenced policy.)
   - **Committee approval date**: September 18, 2018
   - **Accessed**: September 5, 2018

8. Use of Intrauterine Devices (IUD) for Treatment of Endometrial Hyperplasia (CPT code 58999)
   - Medicare does not have National Coverage Determination (NCD) for use of intrauterine devices (IUD) used in the treatment of endometrial hyperplasia.
   - Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs)/Local Coverage Articles (LCAs) exist and compliance with these policies is required where applicable. For state-specific LCDs/LCAs, refer to the LCD Availability Grid (Attachment B).
   - **For states with no LCDs/LCAs**, see the UnitedHealthcare Commercial Medical Policy for Abnormal Uterine Bleeding and Uterine Fibroids for coverage guideline. (IMPORTANT NOTE: After checking the LCD Availability Grid and searching the Medicare Coverage Database, if no state LCD/LCA is found, then use the above referenced policy.)
   - **Committee approval date**: September 18, 2018
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**Note**: To avoid unnecessary claim denials use CPT® code 58999 Unlisted procedure, female genital system instead of CPT® code 58300. Use ICD-10 codes N85.00-N85.02 and enter “hormone IUD” in the comment/narrative field. See the Palmetto LCAs for Endometrial Hyperplasia Treatment (A53043). (Accessed May 20, 2019)
II. DEFINITIONS

None

III. REFERENCES

See above

IV. REVISION HISTORY

04/01/2019 • Updated policy introduction; added language to clarify:
  o There are instances where [the Coverage Summary] may direct readers to a
    UnitedHealthcare Commercial Medical Policy, Medical Benefit Drug Policy,
    and/or Coverage Determination Guideline (CDG)
  o In the absence of a Medicare National Coverage Determination (NCD), Local
    Coverage Determination (LCD), or other Medicare coverage guidance, CMS
    allows a Medicare Advantage Organization (MAO) to create its own coverage
    determinations, using objective evidence-based rationale relying on authoritative
    evidence (Medicare IOM Pub. No. 100-16, Ch. 4, §90.5)
• Retitled reference links that direct users to UnitedHealthcare Commercial policies

09/18/2018 Annual review with the following updates:
  Updated Local Coverage Determination (LCD) Availability Grids; removed instruction to
  “use the applicable LCD based on member’s residence/place and type of service” (this
  note only applies when selecting the appropriate DME LCD Policy

Guideline 5 (Uterine Embolization)
  Update guideline title to “Uterine Artery Embolization for Treatment of Uterine
  Fibroids”
  Added a statement that there is a general NCD for therapeutic embolization.

01/16/2018 Re-review with the following update:
  Guideline 6 [Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)-guided Focused Ultrasound Ablation
  (CPT codes 0071T and 0072T)] - Updated the applicable LCDs to include the most
  recent website links and effective dates related to the Cahaba-Palmetto jurisdiction
  transition; no change in guideline.

10/17/2017 Re-review; added Guideline 1 (Diagnostic Pap Smear); moved from retired Diagnostic
  Pap Smear Coverage Summary.

09/19/2017 Annual review; Guideline 4 (Uterine Artery Embolization) was updated to include CPT
  code 37243.

09/20/2016 Annual review; no updates.

01/19/2016 Updated reference link(s) of the applicable LCDs to reflect the new condensed LCD
  link(s).

11/17/2015 Guideline #7 [Use of Intrauterine Devices (IUD) for Treatment of Endometrial
  Hyperplasia (CPT® code 58999)] – Added applicable guidelines (new to coverage
  summary).
03/12/2015  Formatting change only.

12/16/2014  Guideline 6 (Hysterectomy for Benign Conditions) – added guideline; new to the policy

10/21/2014  Annual review with the following updates:
  Guideline # 4 (Uterine Artery Embolization) – Updated to state that there are no available LCDs at this time as the only available First Coast Local Articles were retired on June 30, 2014.

03/18/2014  Guideline #4 Uterine Artery Embolization – CPT code 37210 deleted; no longer valid as of 1/1/2014.

Guideline #5 Endometrial Ablation – Deleted; prior authorization no longer required for this procedure.

Guideline #6 Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)-guided Focused Ultrasound
  Renamed section from Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)-guided Cryoablation to Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)-guided Focused Ultrasound
  Revised guideline for states with no LCDs; replaced NHIC LCD for Category III CPT Codes (L18917) to Noridian LCD for Non-Covered Services (L24473)

10/24/2013  Annual review; no updates

10/31/2012  Annual review with the addition of the following guidelines:
  • Guidelines #4 - Uterine Artery Embolization (CPT code 37210)
  • Guidelines #5 - Endometrial Ablation
  • Guidelines #6 - Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)-guided Cryoablation

10/13/2011  Annual review; no updates

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## Attachment B - LCD Availability Grid

**Treatment of Endometrial Hyperplasia with IUD**

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