

Viral Hepatitis Serology Testing Policy, Professional

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT THIS REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

You are responsible for submission of accurate claims. This reimbursement policy is intended to ensure that you are reimbursed based on the code or codes that correctly describe the health care services provided. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan reimbursement policies uses Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®*), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) or other coding guidelines. References to CPT or other sources are for definitional purposes only and do not imply any right to reimbursement.

This reimbursement policy applies to all health care services billed on CMS 1500 forms and, when specified, to those billed on UB04 forms. Coding methodology, industry-standard reimbursement logic, regulatory requirements, benefits design and other factors are considered in developing reimbursement policy.

This information is intended to serve only as a general reference resource regarding UnitedHealthcare Community Plan's reimbursement policy for the services described and is not intended to address every aspect of a reimbursement situation. Accordingly, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan may use reasonable discretion in interpreting and applying this policy to health care services provided in a particular case. Further, the policy does not address all issues related to reimbursement for health care services provided to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan enrollees.

Other factors affecting reimbursement supplement, modify or, in some cases, supersede this policy. These factors include, but are not limited to: federal &/or state regulatory requirements, the physician or other provider contracts, the enrollee's benefit coverage documents, and/or other reimbursement, medical or drug policies.

Finally, this policy may not be implemented exactly the same way on the different electronic claims processing systems used by UnitedHealthcare Community Plan due to programming or other constraints; however, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan strives to minimize these variations.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan may modify this reimbursement policy at any time by publishing a new version of the policy on this Website. However, the information presented in this policy is accurate and current as of the date of publication.

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Application

This reimbursement policy applies to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Medicaid Product.

This reimbursement policy applies to services reported using the 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form (a/k/a CMS-1500) or its electronic equivalent or its successor form. This policy applies to all products and all network and non-network physicians and other qualified health care professionals, including, but not limited to, non-network authorized and percent of charge contract physicians and other qualified health care professionals.

Policy

Overview

This policy identifies circumstances in which UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will reimburse physicians or other health care professionals for viral hepatitis serology testing.

Reimbursement Guidelines

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan reimburses for viral hepatitis serology testing Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) codes when one of the diagnosis codes listed on a claim indicates the presence of liver disease, liver abnormalities, or testing for these indications during pregnancy or infertility treatment. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will not reimburse when the test is rendered without inclusion of one of the ICD-10-CM diagnostic codes being included on the claim accurately reflecting the member's condition.

The CPT Codes and attached list of ICD-10 diagnosis codes were first derived by identifying areas of convergence across CMS Local Coverage Determinations (LCD).



Codes							
Viral Hepatit	s Serology Te	sting CPT Cod	les				
81596	86704	86705	86706	86707	86708	86709	86803
86804	87340	87341	87350	87467	87902	87912	G0472
G0499							

State Exceptions		
California California state requirements excludes codes 86803, 86804, and G0472 from poli		
Kansas	Kansas is excluded from this policy based on state requirements	
Washington DC	Per district requirements, codes 81596 and G0472 are not covered	

Questions and Answers		
	Q: How was this reimbursement methodology derived?	
1	A: The coding edits are based upon review of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Service's local coverage determinations.	
2	Q: To determine reimbursement for reported CPT or HCPCS procedure codes, should ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes be reported at the claim level or claim line level?	
	A: Report ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes at the claim line level of the CPT or HCPCS procedure code to be considered for reimbursement.	

Attachments		
Viral Hepatitis Serology Testing ICD-10 List	List of ICD-10 diagnosis codes	

Resources

Individual state Medicaid regulations, manuals & fee schedules

American Medical Association, *Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) Professional Edition* and associated publications and services

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, CMS Manual System and other CMS publications and services

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System, HCPCS Release and Code Sets

History		
1/21/2024	Policy Version Change Attachment Section: ICD-10 diagnosis codes list updated	
11/1/2023	Annual Anniversary Date and Version Change History Section: Archived history older than 11/1/2021	



10/19/2023	Policy Version Change Attachment Section: ICD-10 diagnosis codes list updated History section: Archived history older than 10/19/2021	
1/1/2023	Policy Version Change Codes Section: added CPT code 84767	
2/13/2022 Policy Version Change State Exceptions section: Washington DC added		
12/8/2007	Policy implemented by UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	