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reimbursement policy update **bulletin**

UnitedHealthcare Commercial Reimbursement Policy Updates

Policy Title	Effective Date	Summary of Changes
UPDATED		
CCI Editing Policy, Professional	11/1/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective with dates of process on or after 11/1/2020, the CCI Editing policy will take precedence over certain bundling edits in other reimbursement policies. UnitedHealthcare reminds providers that they can test a claim in the UHC Claims Estimator at uhcprovider.com.
Emergency Department (ED) Facility Evaluation and Management (E/M) Coding Policy	11/1/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective with dates of service on or after 11/1/2020, UnitedHealthcare will update the Emergency Department (ED) Facility Evaluation and Management (E/M) Coding Policy. The admission to observation exclusion will be removed from the policy and ED claims that include observation services will be subject to the policy guidelines and evaluation by EDC Analyzer for level 4 and 5 emergency department codes.
Policy Title	Effective Date	Summary of Policy
NEW		
Outpatient Hospital Bilateral Procedures Policy, Facility	11/1/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new Outpatient Hospital Bilateral Procedures Policy, Facility will be effective for dates of service on or after 11/1/2020. In accordance with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines the new policy will include reporting guidance for conditional, inherent, and independent bilateral procedures performed in an outpatient hospital or outpatient facility. Inherently bilateral procedures are not allowed to be reported with modifier 50, inherently bilateral procedures already include both sides of the body performed on the same date of service. Conditional and independent bilateral procedures are only processed as bilateral if reported with modifier 50. If a conditional or independent bilateral procedure is reported with modifier 50 and units of service exceed one or more on the same claim line the procedure all units may not be reimbursed. Inherently bilateral procedures reported two or more times on the same date of service will not be separately reimbursed.





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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