

# UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Louisiana Medical Policy Update Bulletin: September 2021

Access a policy listed below for complete details on the latest updates. A comprehensive summary of changes is provided at the bottom of every policy document for your reference. To view a detailed version of this bulletin, click [here](#).

## Take Note

### Annual ICD-10 Code and Quarterly CPT/HCPCS Code Updates

Effective Oct. 1, 2021, all applicable Medical Policies, Medical Benefit Drug Policies, Coverage Determination Guidelines, and Utilization Review Guidelines will be modified to reflect the annual ICD-10 code and quarterly CPT/HCPCS code additions, revisions, and deletions. Refer to the following sources for information on the code updates:

- American Medical Association. Current Procedural Terminology: CPT®
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) Clinical Modification (CM) (Diagnosis) Codes
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) Procedure Coding System (PCS) Codes
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System: HCPCS Level II

Complete details on impacted policies and corresponding code edits will be provided in the October 2021 edition of the Medical Policy Update Bulletin.

### InterQual® Clinical Criteria Release: July 2021

Effective Sep. 1, 2021, the Medical Policy titled [Surgical Treatment for Spine Pain](#) has been updated to reflect the applicable InterQual® clinical criteria references associated with the July 2021 Release.

## Medical Benefit Drug Policy Updates

Policy Title	Status	Effective Date
Gonadotropin Releasing Hormone Analogs (for Louisiana Only)	Updated	Oct. 1, 2021
Medical Therapies for Enzyme Deficiencies (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Oct. 1, 2021
Off-Label/Unproven Specialty Drug Treatment (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Oct. 1, 2021
Oxlumo™ (Lumasiran) (for Louisiana Only)	Updated	Oct. 1, 2021
Parsabiv® (Etelcalcetide) (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Oct. 1, 2021
Sodium Hyaluronate (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Oct. 1, 2021

## Utilization Review Guideline Updates

Policy Title	Status	Effective Date
Elective Inpatient Services (for Louisiana Only)	New	Oct. 1, 2021

## General Information

The inclusion of a health service (e.g., test, drug, device or procedure) in this bulletin indicates only that UnitedHealthcare is adopting a new policy and/or updated, revised, replaced or retired an existing policy; it does not imply that UnitedHealthcare provides coverage for the health service. Note that most benefit plan documents exclude from benefit coverage health services identified as investigational or unproven/not medically necessary. Physicians and other health care professionals may not seek or collect payment from a member for services not covered by the applicable benefit plan unless first obtaining the member's written consent, acknowledging that the service is not covered by the benefit plan and that they will be billed directly for the service.

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. Additionally, UnitedHealthcare reserves the right to review the clinical evidence supporting the safety and effectiveness of a medical technology prior to rendering a coverage determination.

UnitedHealthcare respects the expertise of the physicians, health care professionals, and their staff who participate in our network. Our goal is to support you and your patients in making the most informed decisions regarding the choice of quality and cost-effective care, and to support practice staff with a simple and predictable administrative experience. The Medical Policy Update Bulletin was developed to share important information regarding UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Louisiana Medical Policy, Medical Benefit Drug Policy, Coverage Determination Guideline, and Utilization Review Guideline updates. When information in this bulletin conflicts with applicable state and/or federal law, UnitedHealthcare follows such applicable federal and/or state law.

## Policy Update Classifications

### *New*

New clinical coverage criteria have been adopted for a health service (e.g., test, drug, device or procedure)

### *Updated*

An existing policy has been reviewed and changes have not been made to the clinical coverage criteria; however, items such as the clinical evidence, FDA information, and/or list(s) of applicable codes may have been updated

### *Revised*

An existing policy has been reviewed and revisions have been made to the clinical coverage criteria

### *Replaced*

An existing policy has been replaced with a new or different policy

### *Retired*

The health service(s) addressed in the policy are no longer being managed or are considered to be proven/medically necessary and are therefore not excluded as unproven/not medically necessary services, unless coverage guidelines or criteria are otherwise documented in another policy



The complete library of UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Louisiana Medical Policies, Medical Benefit Drug Policies, Coverage Determination Guidelines, and Utilization Review Guidelines is available at [UHCprovider.com/Louisiana](https://UHCprovider.com/Louisiana) > Medicaid (Community Plan) > Current Policies and Clinical Guidelines > [UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Louisiana Medical & Drug Policies and Coverage Determination Guidelines](#).