

# UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Tennessee Medical Policy Update Bulletin: February 2022

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## Medical Policy Updates

Policy Title	Status	Effective Date
Articular Cartilage Defect Repairs (for Tennessee Only)	Updated	Feb. 1, 2022
Catheter Ablation for Atrial Fibrillation (for Tennessee Only)	Updated	Feb. 1, 2022
Electrical Stimulation for the Treatment of Pain and Muscle Rehabilitation (for Tennessee Only)	Revised	Mar. 1, 2022
Epidural Steroid Injections for Spinal Pain (for Tennessee Only)	Revised	Mar. 1, 2022
Genetic Testing for Cardiac Disease (for Tennessee Only)	Revised	Mar. 1, 2022
Glaucoma Surgical Treatments (for Tennessee Only)	Revised	Mar. 1, 2022
Intensity-Modulated Radiation Therapy (for Tennessee Only)	Revised	Mar. 1, 2022
Intrauterine Fetal Surgery (for Tennessee Only)	Revised	Mar. 1, 2022
Lower Extremity Invasive Diagnostic and Endovascular Procedures (for Tennessee Only)	Revised	Mar. 1, 2022
Macular Degeneration Treatment Procedures (for Tennessee Only)	Revised	Mar. 1, 2022
Minimally Invasive Procedures for Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD) and Achalasia (for Tennessee Only)	Revised	Mar. 1, 2022
Obstructive and Central Sleep Apnea Treatment (for Tennessee Only)	Revised	Mar. 1, 2022
Occipital Nerve Injections and Ablation (Including Occipital Neuralgia and Headache) (for Tennessee Only)	Revised	Mar. 1, 2022
Surgery of the Knee (for Tennessee Only)	Updated	Feb. 1, 2022
Surgery of the Shoulder (for Tennessee Only)	Updated	Feb. 1, 2022
Surgery of the Shoulder (for Tennessee Only)	Revised	Mar. 1, 2022
Surgical Treatment for Spine Pain (for Tennessee Only)	Updated	Feb. 1, 2022

## Coverage Determination Guideline Updates

Policy Title	Status	Effective Date
Durable Medical Equipment, Orthotics, Ostomy Supplies, Medical Supplies, and Repairs/Replacements (for Tennessee Only)	Revised	Mar. 1, 2022
Hospice Care (for Tennessee Only)	Revised	Mar. 1, 2022
Oral and Enteral Nutrition (for Tennessee Only)	Updated	Feb. 1, 2022

## 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 Tennessee 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



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