



UnitedHealthcare Commercial Medical Policy Update Bulletin: October 2020

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 Updates

All applicable Medical Policies, Medical Benefit Drug Policies, and Coverage Determination Guidelines have been modified to reflect the annual ICD-10 code additions, revisions, and deletions. Refer to the following sources for information on the code updates:

- [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](#)

For the list of impacted policies and corresponding details, click [here](#).

Quarterly CPT® and HCPCS Code Updates

All applicable Medical Policies, Medical Benefit Drug Policies, and Utilization Review Guidelines have been modified to reflect the quarterly Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (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. Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System: HCPCS Level II](#)

For the list of impacted policies and corresponding details, click [here](#).

Medical Policy Updates

Policy Title	Status	Effective Date
Computer-Assisted Surgical Navigation for Musculoskeletal Procedures	Revised	Nov. 1, 2020
Electric Tumor Treatment Field Therapy	Revised	Dec. 1, 2020
Gender Dysphoria Treatment	Revised	Nov. 1, 2020
Genetic Testing for Hereditary Cancer	Revised	Dec. 1, 2020
Genitourinary Pathogen Nucleic Acid Detection Panel Testing	Updated	Oct. 1, 2020
Implanted Electrical Stimulator for Spinal Cord	Updated	Oct. 1, 2020
Lower Extremity Invasive Diagnostic and Endovascular Procedures	Revised	Dec. 1, 2020
Pharmacogenetic Testing	Updated	Oct. 1, 2020
Plagiocephaly and Craniosynostosis Treatment	Updated	Oct. 1, 2020

Medical Benefit Drug Policy Updates

Policy Title	Status	Effective Date
Clotting Factors, Coagulant Blood Products & Other Hemostatics	Revised	Nov. 1, 2020
Complement Inhibitors (Soliris® & Ultomiris™)	Revised	Nov. 1, 2020
Enzyme Replacement Therapy	Revised	Nov. 1, 2020
Erythropoiesis-Stimulating Agents	Revised	Nov. 1, 2020
Ilaris® (Canakinumab)	Revised	Nov. 1, 2020
Maximum Dosage and Frequency	Revised	Oct. 1, 2020
Scenesse® (Afamelanotide)	New	Oct. 1, 2020
Spinraza® (Nusinersen)	Revised	Nov. 1, 2020
Uplizna™ (Inebilizumab-Cdon)	New	Oct. 1, 2020
Viltepsō™ (Viltolarsen)	New	Oct. 1, 2020
Zolgensma® (Onasemnogene Abeparvovec-Xioi)	Revised	Nov. 1, 2020

Utilization Review Guideline Updates

Policy Title	Status	Effective Date
Screening Colonoscopy Procedures – Site of Service	New	Jan. 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 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 Medical Policies, Medical Benefit Drug Policies, Coverage Determination Guidelines, and Utilization Review Guidelines is available at UHCprovider.com > Policies and Protocols > Commercial Policies > [Medical & Drug Policies and Coverage Determination Guidelines](#).