

# UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage Coverage Summary Update Bulletin: December 2023

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## Coverage Summary Updates

Policy Title	Status	Approval Date
Electrical and Ultrasonic Stimulators	Revised	Nov. 8, 2023
Hearing Services and Devices	Revised	Nov. 8, 2023
Joint Procedures	Revised	Nov. 8, 2023
Medications/Drugs (Outpatient/Part B)	Revised	Nov. 8, 2023
Nasal and Sinus Procedures	Updated	Nov. 8, 2023
Orthopedic Procedures, Devices, and Products	Revised	Nov. 8, 2023
Outpatient Surgical Procedures – Site of Service	New <b>(effective Jan. 1, 2024)</b>	Nov. 20, 2023
Radiologic Diagnostic Procedures	Revised <b>(effective Jan. 1, 2024)</b>	Nov. 20, 2023
Skilled Nursing Facility, Rehabilitation, and Long-Term Acute Care and Hospitalization	Revised <b>(effective Jan. 1, 2024)</b>	Nov. 20, 2023
Spine Procedures	Revised	Nov. 8, 2023
Urinary and Fecal Incontinence, Diagnosis, and Treatments	Revised	Nov. 8, 2023

## General Information

The inclusion of a health service (e.g., test, drug, device, or procedure) in this bulletin indicates only that UnitedHealthcare has recently adopted 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. In the event of an inconsistency or conflict between the information provided in this bulletin and the posted policy, the provisions of the posted policy will prevail. 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.

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 Policy Update Bulletin was developed to share important information regarding UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage Coverage Summary updates. When information in this bulletin conflicts with applicable state and/or federal law, UnitedHealthcare follows such applicable federal and/or state law.

**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 CMS, 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.

## Policy Update Classifications

### *New*

New coverage guidelines 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 coverage guidelines; however, items such as the definitions or references may have been updated

### *Revised*

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

### *Replaced*

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

### *Retired*

An existing policy has been retired



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