UnitedHealthcare Oxford
Policy Update Bulletin *Quick View*: August 2025

A list of recently approved, revised, and/or retired Clinical and/or Administrative Policies is provided below for your reference. **For a comprehensive summary of the latest updates, refer to the Policy Update Bulletin: August 2025.**

Clinical Policy Updates

Policy Title	Status	Effective Date
Clinical Trials	Updated	Aug. 1, 2025
Cochlear Implants	Updated	Aug. 1, 2025
Continuous Glucose Monitoring and Insulin Delivery for Managing Diabetes	Updated	Sep. 1, 2025
Core Decompression for Avascular Necrosis	Retired	Aug. 1, 2025
Habilitation and Rehabilitation Therapy (Occupational, Physical, and Speech)	Revised	Sep. 1, 2025
Implanted Spinal Drug Delivery Systems	Revised	Sep. 1, 2025
Occipital Nerve Injections and Ablation (Including Occipital Neuralgia and Headache)	Updated	Aug. 1, 2025
Oxford's Outpatient Imaging Self-Referral Policy	Revised	Sep. 1, 2025
Surgery of the Hip	Updated	Aug. 1, 2025
Surgery of the Knee	Updated	Aug. 1, 2025
Surgery of the Shoulder	Revised	Sep. 1, 2025

General Information

The inclusion of a health service (e.g., test, drug, device, or procedure) in this bulletin indicates only that UnitedHealthcare Oxford® is adopting a new policy and/or updated, revised, replaced, or retired an existing policy; it does not imply that UnitedHealthcare Oxford® 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 Oxford® reserves the right to review the clinical evidence supporting the safety and effectiveness of a medical technology prior to rendering a coverage determination.

UnitedHealthcare Oxford® 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 changes to our UnitedHealthcare Oxford® Clinical and Administrative Policies. When information in this bulletin conflicts with applicable state and/or federal law, UnitedHealthcare Oxford® 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 Oxford Clinical and Administrative Policies is available at **UHCprovider.com/policies** > For Commercial Plans > UnitedHealthcare Oxford Clinical and Administrative Policies.

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