

UnitedHealthcare Oxford Policy Update Bulletin: December 2022

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 CPT® and HCPCS Code Updates

Beginning Jan. 1, 2023, all applicable Clinical and Administrative Policies will be updated to reflect the 2023 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](#)

Complete details on impacted policies and corresponding code edits will be provided in the January 2023 edition of the Oxford Policy Update Bulletin.

Prior Authorization Requirement Changes

Effective Jan. 1, 2023, the information pertaining to prior authorization requirements will be removed from UnitedHealthcare Oxford Clinical and Administrative Policies. Click [here](#) for a complete list of impacted policies.

The new *Oxford Health Plans Prior Authorization Requirements* document, available at [UHCprovider.com > Advance Notification and Clinical Submission Requirements](#), will now provide a comprehensive list of all procedure codes requiring prior authorization for our commercial Oxford contracted network providers. Refer to the UnitedHealthcare news article titled [Oxford prior authorization requirement changes](#) for additional information.

Clinical Policy Updates

Policy Title	Status	Effective Date
Cardiology Procedures for eviCore healthcare Arrangement	Revised	Jan. 1, 2023
Catheter Ablation for Atrial Fibrillation	Revised	Jan. 1, 2023
Gender Dysphoria Treatment	Revised	Jan. 1, 2023
Obstetrical Ultrasonography	Revised	Jan. 1, 2023
Oxford's Outpatient Imaging Self-Referral	Revised	Jan. 1, 2023
Preventive Care Services	Revised	Jan. 1, 2023
Radiation Therapy: Fractionation, Image-Guidance, and Special Services	Revised	Jan. 1, 2023
Radiology Procedures for eviCore healthcare Arrangement	Revised	Jan. 1, 2023

Administrative Policy Updates

Policy Title	Status	Effective Date
Accreditation Requirements for Radiology Services	Revised	Jan. 1, 2023

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 UnitedHealthcare Oxford® Clinical, Administrative, and Reimbursement Policy updates. 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 and Protocols > Commercial Policies > [UnitedHealthcare Oxford Clinical and Administrative Policies](#).