

UnitedHealthcare Oxford Policy Update Bulletin: April 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

Quarterly CPT® and HCPCS Code Updates

All applicable Clinical and Administrative Policies have been updated 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](#).

Clinical Policy Updates

Policy Title	Status	Effective Date
Adakveo® (Crizanlizumab-Tmca)	Updated	May 1, 2022
Cardiac Event Monitoring	Updated	Apr. 1, 2022
Cardiology Procedures Requiring Prior Authorization for eviCore healthcare Arrangement	Updated	Apr. 1, 2022
Drug Coverage Criteria: New and Therapeutic Equivalent Medications	Revised	May 1, 2022
Drug Coverage Guidelines	Retired	May 1, 2022
Elective Inpatient Services	Updated	May 1, 2022
Follicle Stimulating Hormone (FSH) Gonadotropins	Retired	May 1, 2022
Genitourinary Pathogen Nucleic Acid Detection Panel Testing	Revised	May 1, 2022
Human Menopausal Gonadotropins (hMG)	Retired	May 1, 2022
Immune Globulin (IVIG and SCIG)	Revised	Jul. 1, 2022
Implanted Electrical Stimulator for Spinal Cord	Revised	Jun. 1, 2022
Lemtrada (Alemtuzumab)	Revised	May 1, 2022
Long-Acting Injectable Antiretroviral Agents for HIV	Revised	May 1, 2022
Manipulation Under Anesthesia	Revised	Jun. 1, 2022
Medical Benefit Therapeutic Equivalent Medications - Excluded Drugs	New	Jul. 1, 2022
Orencia® (Abatacept) Injection for Intravenous Infusion	Revised	May 1, 2022
Proton Beam Radiation Therapy	Updated	May 1, 2022
Provider Administered Drugs - Preferred Products	New	Jul. 1, 2022
Radiology Procedures Requiring Prior Authorization for eviCore healthcare Arrangement	Updated	Apr. 1, 2022
Repository Corticotropin Injections	Revised	May 1, 2022

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Rituximab (Riabni™, Rituxan®, Ruxience®, & Truxima®)	Revised	May 1, 2022
Sodium Hyaluronate	Revised	Jul. 1, 2022
Spinal Fusion Enhancement Products	Revised	May 1, 2022
Surgical Treatment for Spine Pain	Updated	May 1, 2022
Visual Information Processing Evaluation and Orthoptic and Vision Therapy	Revised	May 1, 2022

Administrative Policy Updates

Policy Title	Status	Effective Date
Formula and Specialized Food	Updated	Apr. 1, 2022
Referrals	Updated	Apr. 1, 2022

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



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