

# Cancer Episode Program

Quick reference guide for billing and enrollment

We created this quick reference guide to help you with billing and enrollment issues as they relate to the Cancer Episode Program. If you have questions about this program, please send an email to the UnitedHealthcare Cancer Episode Program mailbox at [cancer\\_episode@uhc.com](mailto:cancer_episode@uhc.com).



## Episode fees (S-codes)

- Paid once per 4-month episode
- Can be billed with any date of service as another service within the 4-month episode
- Can be billed by itself on a claim or with another service
- At least 4 days must separate S-code billings
- Timely filing rules apply and are defined in the terms of your network contract



## Adjuvant payment conditions (30, 31, 33 and 35) – bill S0315

- Should be billed on same date of service as a chemotherapy administration claim



## Non-adjuvant payment conditions

### Metastatic payment conditions (32, 34, 36–40, 42–43) – bill S0316

- Billable during 4-month episodes when practice bills any service
- Should be billed on same date of service as another service



## Hematologic disease – payment condition 41 – bill S0316

- Billable during 4-month episodes when practice bills a chemotherapy administration claim
- Should be billed on same date of service as a chemotherapy administration claim



## Enrollment

- Eligible patients are automatically enrolled when we receive a new injectable chemotherapy authorization
- Patients are automatically assigned to a payment condition at the time of enrollment
- Payment conditions are assigned based on cancer type and stage
- Enrollments can be subject to 3 types of adjustments:
  - Type 1 – clinical status change: Patient enrolled in an adjuvant payment condition progresses to metastatic disease
    - UnitedHealthcare will end the adjuvant episode and create a new metastatic episode
    - Not required to be same cancer type (e.g., adjuvant to metastatic breast cancer)
  - Eligibility change: Patient is no longer eligible for the program
    - Type 2 – disenrollment: Occurs when episode start date is less than 15 days prior
      - UnitedHealthcare will recoup any S-code payments and reprocess claims under fee-for-service
    - Type 3 – termination: Occurs when episode start date is 15 days or more
      - UnitedHealthcare will not recoup any S-code payments nor reprocess prior claims

