



**Premium Specialty: Neurology**

Credentialed Specialties Include: Neurology, Neurology and Psychiatry, Neuromuscular Disease

Patient Episode Cost

Use this document with the UnitedHealth Premium® Program Methodology document at [UnitedHealthPremium.UHC.com](http://UnitedHealthPremium.UHC.com). Please review all of the methodology documents to understand the entire Premium methodology.

We evaluate physicians in the Neurology Premium specialty using the patient episode cost measurement with the condition-based episodes listed in the following chart.

Attribution methods determine which physicians and groups are responsible for care given to patients. Condition-based episodes are attributed using the cost method: the physician who was responsible for generating the highest percentage of services, based on normalized cost, in the episode. To make sure there was significant involvement, the attributed physician must be responsible for at least 50% of the total normalized cost of the episode.

Please view the Attribution Methods document to learn more.

**Neurology Condition-Based Episodes**

Alzheimer's Disease
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis
Brain Trauma
Carpal Tunnel Syndrome
Cerebral Vascular Disease
Congenital Disorders of Central Nervous System
Congenital Disorders of Peripheral Nerves
Epilepsy*
Hereditary & Degenerative Diseases of Central Nervous System, Other
Inflammation of Cranial Nerves
Inflammation of Non-Cranial Nerves, Except Carpal Tunnel
Malignant Neoplasm of Central Nervous System
Migraine Headache
Multiple Sclerosis*
Neurological Diseases Signs & Symptoms
Other Neurological Diseases
Parkinson's Disease

**Ophthalmology Condition-Based Episodes**

Visual Disturbances
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**Orthopedics & Rheumatology Condition-Based Episodes**

Joint Degeneration, Localized - Back
Joint Degeneration, Localized - Neck
Orthopedic Signs & Symptoms - Back
Orthopedic Signs & Symptoms - Neck
Orthopedic Signs & Symptoms - Unspecified

**Otolaryngology Condition-Based Episodes**

Hearing Disorders
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<b>Otolaryngology Condition-Based Episodes (Continued)</b>
Other Disorders of Ear/Nose/Throat
<b>Preventive &amp; Administrative Condition-Based Episodes</b>
Conditional Exam
Routine Exam
<b>Psychiatry Condition-Based Episodes</b>
Anxiety Disorder or Phobias
Mood Disorder, Depressed

\*Episodes for these conditions are excluded from patient episode cost measurement for patients whose pharmacy cost data isn't available.

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