

Premium Specialty: Cardiology

Credentialed Specialties include: Cardiac Diagnostic; Cariology; Cardiovascular Disease; Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology; Interventional Cardiology

Patient Total Cost

Use this document with the UnitedHealth Premium® Program Methodology document at UnitedHealthPremium.UHC.com. Please review all of the methodology documents to understand the entire Premium methodology.

We evaluate physicians in the cardiology Premium specialty using the patient total cost measurement using the condition-based episodes listed in the following chart.

Attribution methods determine which physicians are responsible for giving care to patients. Patient total cost measurement uses patient attribution results. Please view the Attribution Methods document to learn more.

We use two methods to determine if we should include costs from an eligible treatment episode. These methods depend on the condition:

- Always include: Costs from an eligible treatment episode for an attributed patient, regardless of the attributed physician's level of involvement in the treatment of the patient's condition.
- Include if involved: Costs from an eligible treatment episode for an attributed patient if the attributed physician is responsible for at least 50% of the costs.

When the physician doesn't have a sufficient number of patients attributed, the Premium program uses the patient episode cost measurement.

Cardiology Conditions	Always Include	Include if Involved
Aortic Aneurysm		X
Arterial Inflammation		X
Atrial Fibrillation & Flutter*	X	
Cardiac Congenital Disorder	X	
Cardiac Infection	X	
Cardiomyopathy	X	
Cardiovascular Diseases Signs & Symptoms	X	
Congestive Heart Failure	X	
Heart Failure, Diastolic	X	
Embolism & Thrombosis of Veins		X
Hypertension		X
Ischemic Heart Disease	X	
Non-Cerebral, Non-Coronary Atherosclerosis	X	
Other Conduction Disorders	X	
Other Diseases of Veins		X
Pulmonary Heart Disease	X	
Severe Ventricular Rhythms	X	
Valvular Disorder	X	
Varicose Veins of Lower Extremity		X
Endocrinology Conditions	Always Include	Include if Involved
Diabetes*		X
Hyperlipidemia, Other		X
Hypo-Functioning Thyroid Gland		X

Endocrinology Conditions (continued)	Always Include	Include if Involved
Obesity		X
Gastroenterology Conditions	Always Include	Include if Involved
Inflammation of Esophagus		X
Nephrology	Always Include	Include if Involved
Chronic Renal Failure		X
Neurology	Always Include	Include if Involved
Cerebral Vascular Disease		X
Pulmonology Conditions	Always Include	Include if Involved
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease		X
Pulmonary Embolism		X
Pulmonology Diseases Signs & Symptoms		X
*Episodes for these conditions are excluded from patient total cost measurement for patients whose pharmacy cost data isn't available.		

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