

UnitedHealth Premium[®] Program

Premium Specialties

16 Premium specialties representing 47 credentialed specialties

Premium Specialties

Allergy

- Allergy
- Allergy and Immunology

Cardiology

- Cardiac Diagnostic
- Cardiology
- Cardiovascular Disease
- Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology
- Interventional Cardiology

Ear, nose and throat

- Laryngology
- Otolaryngology
- Otology
- Pediatric Otolaryngology
- Rhinology
- Surgery Head and Neck

Endocrinology

- Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism

Family medicine

- Family Practice
- General Practice
- Preventive Medicine

Gastroenterology

- Digestive Diseases
- Gastroenterology
- Hepatology – Liver Disease

General surgery

- Colon and Rectal Surgery
- Proctology
- Surgery
- Surgery Abdominal

Internal medicine

- Geriatric Medicine
- Internal Medicine
- Pediatric Internal Medicine

Nephrology

- Nephrology

Neurology

- Neurology
- Neurology and Psychiatry
- Neuromuscular Disease

Neurosurgery, orthopedics and spine

- Back and Spine Surgery
- Hand Surgery
- Knee Surgery
- Neurological Surgery
- Orthopedic Surgery
- Shoulder Surgery
- Sports Medicine

Obstetrics and gynecology

- Gynecology
- Obstetrics
- Obstetrics and Gynecology

Pediatrics

- Adolescent Medicine
- Pediatrics
- Pediatric Adolescent

Pulmonology

- Pulmonary Medicine

Rheumatology

- Rheumatology

Urology

- Urology

Important notes about the UnitedHealth Premium Program

The information from the UnitedHealth Premium program is not an endorsement of a particular physician or health care professional's suitability for the health care needs of any particular member. UnitedHealthcare does not practice medicine nor provide health care services. Physicians are solely responsible for medical judgments and treatments supplied. A Premium Care Physician or Quality Care Physician designation does not guarantee the quality of health care services members will receive from a physician and does not guarantee the outcome of any health care services members will receive.

Likewise, the fact that a physician has a Not Evaluated for Premium Care or a Does Not Meet Premium Quality Criteria designation does not mean that the physician does not provide quality health care services. All physicians in the UnitedHealthcare network have met certain minimum credentialing requirements. Regardless of whether a physician has received a Premium Care Physician designation, members have access to all physicians in the UnitedHealthcare network, as further described under the member's benefit plan.

The designation of "Not Evaluated for Premium Care" is given when a physician does not practice in a specialty that is evaluated by the Premium program, or when a physician's evaluation is in process. It is also given when a physician does not have enough health plan claims data to be evaluated, but it is not an indicator of the total number of patients treated by the physician or the number of procedures performed by the physician. Rather, it reflects the statistical requirements of the Premium program, which includes only health plan claims associated with specific Premium program measures and relevant to the physician's specialty. In some cases, there may not be enough data to complete the analytic process from a statistical standpoint.

UnitedHealthcare informs members that designations are intended only as a guide when choosing a physician and should not be the sole factor in selecting a physician. As with all programs that evaluate performance based on analysis of a sample, there is a risk of error. There is a risk of error in the claims data used in the evaluation, the calculations used in the evaluation, and the way the Premium program determined that an individual physician was responsible for the treatment of the patient's condition. **Physicians have the opportunity to review this data and submit a reconsideration request.** UnitedHealthcare uses statistical testing to compare a physician's results to expected or normative results. There is a risk of error in statistical tests when applied to the data and a result based on statistical testing is not a guarantee of correct inference or classification. We inform members that it is important that they consider many factors and information when selecting a physician. **We also inform our members that they may wish to discuss designations with a physician before choosing him or her, or confer with their current physician for advice on selecting other physicians.**

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