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Premium Specialty: Cardiology

Credentialed Specialties include: Cardiology Diagnostic, Cardiology, Cardiovascular Disease, 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 30% of the costs.

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

Conditions	Always Include	Include if Involved
Aortic Aneurysm		X
Aortic Aneurysm, with Surgery		X
Arterial Inflammation		X
Arterial Inflammation, with Surgery		X
Atrial Fibrillation & Flutter*	X	
Atrial Fibrillation & Flutter, with Surgery*	X	
Cardiac Congenital Disorder	X	
Cardiac Congenital Disorder, with Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting	X	
Cardiac Congenital Disorder, with Valve	X	
Cardiac Congenital Disorder, with Valve and Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting	X	
Cardiac Infection	X	
Cardiac Infection, with Surgery	X	
Cardiac Infection, with Valve	X	
Cardiomyopathy	X	
Cardiomyopathy, with Angioplasty	X	
Cardiomyopathy, with Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting	X	
Cardiovascular Diseases Signs & Symptoms	X	
Cerebral Vascular Disease		X
Cerebral Vascular Disease, with Surgery		X
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease*		X
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, with Surgery*		X

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Conditions	Always Include	Include if Involved
Conditional Exam		X
Congestive Heart Failure	X	
Congestive Heart Failure, with Angioplasty	X	
Congestive Heart Failure, with Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting	X	
Congestive Heart Failure, with Valve	X	
Diabetes*		X
Diabetes, with Surgery*		X
Diastolic Heart Failure, with Valve	X	
Embolism & Thrombosis of Veins*		X
Embolism & Thrombosis of Veins, with Surgery*		X
Heart Failure, Diastolic	X	
Heart Failure, Diastolic, with Angioplasty	X	
Hyperlipidemia, Other*		X
Hypertension		X
Hypo-Functioning Thyroid Gland*		X
Hypo-Functioning Thyroid Gland, with Surgery*		X
Inflammation of Esophagus		X
Inflammation of Esophagus, with Surgery		X
Ischemic Heart Disease	X	
Ischemic Heart Disease, with Angioplasty	X	
Ischemic Heart Disease, with Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting	X	
Ischemic Heart Disease, with Valve	X	
Ischemic Heart Disease, with Valve and Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting	X	
Non-Cerebral, Non-Coronary Atherosclerosis	X	
Non-Cerebral, Non-Coronary Atherosclerosis, with Surgery	X	
Obesity		X
Obesity, with Surgery		X
Other Conduction Disorders	X	
Other Diseases of Veins		X
Other Diseases of Veins, with Surgery		X
Pulmonary Embolism*		X
Pulmonary Heart Disease*	X	
Pulmonary Heart Disease, with Angioplasty*	X	
Pulmonary Heart Disease, with Valve and Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting*	X	
Pulmonary Heart Disease, with Valve*	X	
Pulmonology Diseases Signs & Symptoms		X
Routine Exam		X
Severe Ventricular Rhythms	X	
Valvular Disorder	X	
Valvular Disorder, with Angioplasty	X	
Valvular Disorder, with Valve	X	
Varicose Veins of Lower Extremity		X
Varicose Veins of Lower Extremity, with Surgery		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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