

October 2019 UnitedHealthcare Network Bulletin Articles & The Empire Plan

The following articles are included in the October 2019 issue of UnitedHealthcare's *Network Bulletin*. The table below denotes which articles apply to The Empire Plan and/or our Empire Plan Network providers. To access *Network Bulletin*, sign on to UHCprovider.com and select "News and Network Bulletin" in the "Resource Library" section (or select News and Network Bulletin in Quick Links at the bottom of the home page). Be sure to read the applicable articles and direct any questions you may have regarding Empire Plan impact to your Empire Plan network representative.

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Network Bulletin: Article Topic	Applies to The Empire Plan?
Front & Center	
Smart Edits Help Speed Up Your Claims Cycle	YES
Coming Soon: Individual Health Record™	YES
New Cancer Therapy Pathways Program	NO
Radiology Program Procedure Code Changes	YES
Pharmacy Update: Notice of Changes to Prior Authorization Requirements and Coverage Criteria for UnitedHealthcare Commercial and UnitedHealthcare Oxford	NO
Outpatient Injectable Chemotherapy and Related Cancer Therapies Prior Authorization/Notification Updates	NO
Changes to Advance Notification and Prior Authorization Requirements	YES
Prior Authorization Requirements for Post-Acute Inpatient Care	NO
Updates to Requirements for Specialty Medical Injectable Drugs	NO
More Fax Numbers Being Retired	NO
Medical Policy Updates:	
UnitedHealthcare Medical Policy Update Bulletin: October 2019	See Specific Policy
MEDICAL POLICY	
Apheresis Revised Nov. 1, 2019	YES
Bariatric Surgery Revised Dec. 1, 2019	YES
Electric Tumor Treatment Field Therapy Updated Nov. 1, 2019	YES
Epidural Steroid and Facet Injections for Spinal Pain Revised Dec. 1, 2019	YES
Genetic Testing for Hereditary Cancer Revised* Oct. 1, 2019	NO
Molecular Oncology Testing for Cancer Diagnosis, Prognosis, and Treatment Decisions Updated* Oct. 1, 2019	YES
Omnibus Codes Revised Dec. 1, 2019	YES
Skin and Soft Tissue Substitutes Updated* Oct. 1, 2019	YES
Vagus and External Trigeminal Nerve Stimulation Revised Dec. 1, 2019	YES
MEDICAL BENEFIT DRUG POLICY	
Actemra® (Tocilizumab) Injection for Intravenous Infusion Revised Oct. 1, 2019 TBD	YES
Benlysta® (Belimumab) Revised Oct. 1, 2019 TBD††	YES
Cimzia® (Certolizumab Pegol) New Oct. 1, 2019 TBD†	NOT RELEASED
Clotting Factors, Coagulant Blood Products & Other Hemostatics Revised Oct. 1, 2019	YES
Complement Inhibitors (Soliris® & Ultomiris™) Updated* Oct. 1, 2019	YES
Evenity™ (Romosozumab-Aqqg) Updated* Oct. 1, 2019	YES
Gamifant™ (Emapalumab-Lzsg) Updated* Oct. 1, 2019	YES
Infliximab (Remicade®, Inflectra™, Renflexis™) Revised Oct. 1, 2019	YES
Ketalar® (Ketamine) and Spravato™ (Esketamine) Revised Oct. 1, 2019	YES
Krystexxa® (Pegloticase) New Oct. 1, 2019	YES
Maximum Dosage Revised Oct. 1, 2019	YES
Oncology Medication Clinical Coverage Revised Oct. 1, 2019	YES
Onpatro™ (Patisiran) Updated* Oct. 1, 2019	YES
Orencia® (Abatacept) Injection for Intravenous Infusion Revised Oct. 1, 2019 TBD	YES
Review at Launch Medication List Revised Oct. 1, 2019	YES
Self-Administered Medications List Revised* Oct. 1, 2019	YES
Simponi Aria® (Golimumab) Injection for Intravenous Infusion Revised Oct. 1, 2019 TBD	YES
Sodium Hyaluronate Revised* Oct. 1, 2019	YES
Stelara® (Ustekinumab) Revised Oct. 1, 2019	YES
COVERAGE DETERMINATION GUIDELINE (CDG)	
Preventive Care Services Revised Dec. 1, 2019	YES
Oxford Policy Update Bulletin: October 2019	NO

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<i>UnitedHealthcare West Benefit Interpretation Policy Update Bulletin: October 2019</i>	NO
<i>UnitedHealthcare West Medical Management Guideline Update Bulletin: October 2019</i>	NO
<i>UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Medical Policy Update Bulletin: October 2019</i>	NO
<i>Medicare Advantage Coverage Summary Update Bulletin: October 2019</i>	NO
<i>Medicare Advantage Policy Guideline Update Bulletin: October 2019</i>	NO
UnitedHealthcare Renews Agreement with KCI for Negative Pressure Wound Therapy	YES
UnitedHealthcare Commercial	
Cancer Screening Educational Series	Educational
Medical Record Review for 2019 Dates of Service	NO
New Medicare Severity Diagnosis Related Groups	NO
New Controlled Substance e-Prescription Requirement for OptumRx®	NO
UnitedHealthcare Commercial Medical Policy Update	YES
OptumRx to Retire Fax Numbers Used for Pharmacy Prior Authorization	NO
<i>UnitedHealthcare Commercial Reimbursement Policy Updates</i>	<i>See Specific Policy</i>
Molecular Pathology Policy, Professional Nov. 1, 2019	YES
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan ~This section does not apply to The Empire Plan~	
UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage ~This section does not apply to The Empire Plan~	
UnitedHealthcare Affiliates ~This section does not apply to The Empire Plan~	