

## January 2020 UnitedHealthcare Network Bulletin Articles & The Empire Plan

The following articles are included in the January 2020 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?
<b>Front &amp; Center</b>	
UnitedHealthcare Care Provider Administrative Guide for Commercial and Medicare Advantage Plans	No
HEDIS® 2020 Medical Record Collection Overview	YES
Now Available: Individual Health Record™	TBD
Bringing You Smart Edits in the New Year	YES
Prepare Today for Patients with Bind On-Demand Health Insurance	No
Changes to Infertility Prescriptions Benefit Coverage for OptumRx and UnitedHealthcare Commercial Plan and Specialty Pharmacy Members	No
Resources to Support Veterans Affairs Community Care Network (VA CCN) Providers	No
Pharmacy Update: Notice of Changes to Prior Authorization Requirements and Coverage Criteria for UnitedHealthcare Commercial and UnitedHealthcare Oxford Commercial Plans	No
Changes to Advance Notification and Prior Authorization Requirements	No
<a href="#">UnitedHealthcare Commercial Medical Policy Update Bulletin: January 2020</a>	<i>See Specific Policy</i>
<b>ANNUAL CPT® AND HCPCS CODE UPDATES</b>	
American Medical Association. Current Procedural Terminology: CPT®	YES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System: HCPCS Level II	YES
<b>MEDICAL MANAGEMENT GUIDELINE</b>	
Breast Reconstruction Post Mastectomy Revised Feb. 1, 2020	YES
Breast Reduction Surgery Revised Feb. 1, 2020	YES
Continuous Glucose Monitoring and Insulin Delivery for Managing Diabetes Revised Apr. 1, 2020	YES
Cosmetic and Reconstructive Procedures Revised Feb. 1, 2020	YES
Gastrointestinal Pathogen Nucleic Acid Detection Panel Testing for Infectious Diarrhea New Mar. 1, 2020	No
Intensity-Modulated Radiation Therapy Revised Feb. 1, 2020	YES
Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy (MRS) Retired Jan 1, 2020	YES
Negative Pressure Wound Therapy Revised Feb. 1, 2020	YES
Preventive Care Services Revised Feb. 1, 2020	YES
Surgical Treatment for Spine Pain Updated Jan. 1, 2020	YES
Total Artificial Disc Replacement for the Spine Revised Mar. 1, 2020	YES
Transcatheter Heart Valve Procedures Revised Mar. 1, 2020	YES
Vertebral Body Tethering for Scoliosis New Mar. 1, 2020	YES
<i>Oxford Policy Update Bulletin: September 2019</i>	No
<i>UnitedHealthcare West Benefit Interpretation Policy Update Bulletin: September 2019</i>	No
<i>UnitedHealthcare West Medical Management Guideline Update Bulletin: September 2019</i>	No
<i>Community Plan Medical Policy Update Bulletin: September 2019</i>	No
<i>Medicare Advantage Coverage Summary Update Bulletin: September 2019</i>	No
<i>Medicare Advantage Policy Guideline Update Bulletin: September 2019</i>	No
<i>Dental Policy Update Bulletin: September 2019</i>	No
Radiology Program Procedure Code Changes — Effective Jan. 1, 2020	YES
New Controlled Substance e-Prescription Requirement for OptumRx Home Delivery Pharmacy	No
Changes to Expanded Commercial Notification/Prior Authorization Requirements and Site of Service Medical Necessity Reviews for Certain Surgical Procedures	No
Updates to Requirements for Specialty Medical Injectable Drugs for UnitedHealthcare Commercial, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan and UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage Members	YES

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Facility Admission Notification Requirement Reminder	No
<b>UnitedHealthcare Commercial</b>	
UnitedHealthcare NexusACO® Benefit Plans Will Expand Access in 2020	No
Notification/Prior Authorization Requirement for Allograft/Spinal Surgery — Starting March 1, 2020	No
Oncology Peer Comparison Reports Mailed in December	Informational
Expansion of the Requirement to Use a Participating Specialty Pharmacy Provider for Certain Medications — UnitedHealthcare Commercial Plan Members, Effective April 1, 2020	No
Coding Update to the UnitedHealthcare Facility Outpatient Procedure Grouper Mapping	YES
<i>UnitedHealthcare Commercial Reimbursement Policy Updates</i>	
New Policy: Emergency Department (ED) Professional Evaluation and Management (E/M) Policy April 1, 2020	TBD
Summary of Change Procedure to Modifier Policy, Professional April 1, 2020	YES
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation: Multiple Therapy Procedure Reduction, Professional To be announced	No
Prior Authorization Required for Continuous Glucose Monitoring for Members with Type 2 Diabetes	No
GEHA, in Partnership with UnitedHealthcare, Is Offering New Benefit Plans to Federal Employees — Elevate and Elevate Plus	No
UnitedHealthcare Shared Services Updates for GEHA	No
Out-of-Network Laboratory Referral Protocol Reminder	No (NOTE: Empire Plan Network has its own laboratory referral protocol)
Shared Capitation Payment Arrangement in Select Markets Starts April 1, 2020	No
<b>UnitedHealthcare Community Plan ~This section does not apply to The Empire Plan~</b>	
<b>UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage ~This section does not apply to The Empire Plan~</b>	
<b>UnitedHealthcare Affiliates ~This section does not apply to The Empire Plan~</b>	
<b>State News</b>	
Appointment Standards for the State of Connecticut	YES
Reimbursement for Maternity Services in New Jersey	YES
Appointment Standards for the State of Maryland	YES