



Medical benefit specialty drug update bulletin – February 2024

Specialty drug program updates for UnitedHealthcare Commercial, Community Plan, Medicare Advantage and Individual & Family Plans

Updates to drug program requirements and drug policies							
Drug Name	Effective Date	UnitedHealthcare Commercial	UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage	UnitedHealthcare Individual & Family	Treatment Uses	Summary of Changes
Altuviio® [antihemophilic factor (recombinant), Fc-VWF-XTEN fusion protein-eh1]	5/1/24		X Pennsylvania Only			Used for the treatment of hemophilia A (congenital factor VIII deficiency) in children and adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add Prior Authorization/Notification
Cinvanti® (aprepitant)	5/1/24		X Pennsylvania Only			Used in combination with other antiemetic agents for the prevention of nausea and vomiting due to cancer chemotherapy in adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add Prior Authorization/Notification
Visudyne® (verteporfin for injection)	5/1/24		X Pennsylvania Only			Used for the treatment of classic subfoveal choroidal neovascularization due to age-related macular degeneration, pathologic myopia or presumed ocular histoplasmosis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add Prior Authorization/Notification

Upon prior authorization renewal, the updated policy will apply. UnitedHealthcare will honor all approved prior authorizations on file until the end date on the authorization or the date the member’s eligibility changes. You don’t need to submit a new notification/prior authorization request for members who already have an authorization for these



medications on the effective date noted above.

Note: Certain specialty medical injectable drug programs and updates will not be implemented at this time for providers practicing in Rhode Island, with respect to certain commercial members, pursuant to the Rhode Island regulation: 230-RICR-20-30-14. UnitedHealthcare encourages providers practicing in Rhode Island to call in to confirm if prior authorization is required. This exception does not apply to Medicaid and Medicare.

