

Specialty Pharmacy Requirements for UnitedHealthcare Commercial Plan Members – Effective Oct. 1, 2020

Frequently Asked Questions

Overview

Starting with dates of service on Oct. 1, 2020, UnitedHealthcare is expanding sourcing requirements for certain specialty pharmacy medications for outpatient hospital providers that participate in UnitedHealthcare commercial plans. Participating outpatient hospital providers will be required to obtain select specialty drugs from indicated specialty pharmacies, unless otherwise authorized by UnitedHealthcare.

Frequently Asked Questions

What's the expanded requirement?

This specialty pharmacy requirement is an expansion of an existing requirement for commercial plans outlined in the UnitedHealthcare Administrative Guide. Information about the expanded requirement and applicable drug list is available at UHCprovider.com/pharmacy > Specialty Pharmacy Program > Learn More About the Specialty Pharmacy Program > Drug Sourcing Requirements Through Specialty Pharmacy > UnitedHealthcare Administrative Guide Specialty Pharmacy Requirements for Certain Specialty Medications - Commercial Members. The expanded specialty pharmacy requirement:

- Applies when the drug is dispensed in an outpatient hospital setting of participating hospitals
- Does not apply if the drug is supplied in a hospital inpatient setting, physician's office, ambulatory infusion suite or home infusion setting
- Applies to drugs supplied under the member's medical benefit
- Does not apply to drugs supplied under the member's pharmacy benefit
- Does not apply when Medicare or another health benefit plan is the primary payer and UnitedHealthcare is the secondary payer

In the link above, you can also see the list of medications that were already subject to sourcing requirements, prior to Oct. 1, 2020.

When will this expanded requirement go into effect?

The expanded specialty pharmacy requirement is effective for dates of service on or after Oct. 1, 2020.

What plans will this apply to?

This expanded specialty pharmacy requirement applies to commercial plans, including, but not limited to:

- Bullet UnitedHealthcare
- UnitedHealthcare of the River Valley
- Neighborhood Health Partnership
- All Savers
- UnitedHealthcare of the Mid-Atlantic plans.

At this time, the requirement does not apply to:

- UnitedHealthcare West
- Sierra plans
- UnitedHealthOne
- UMR

UnitedHealthcare Oxford commercial plans are subject to a separate specialty pharmacy requirement called the UnitedHealthcare Oxford Specialty Pharmacy Protocol for Certain Specialty Medications Administered in an Outpatient Hospital Setting. You can access this requirement at UHCprovider.com/policies > Protocols > Specialty Pharmacy Protocol for Certain Specialty Medications Administered in an Outpatient Hospital Setting for UnitedHealthcare Oxford Commercial Members.

For commercial plans, the following states and U.S. territories are excluded from the expanded requirements at this time. All other states are included.

- Alaska, Hawaii, Kentucky, Maryland, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Utah and U.S. Virgin Islands

What specialty drugs does this requirement apply to?

The list of specialty drugs and specialty pharmacies is provided at the end of this FAQ.

Why are there multiple specialty pharmacies for most drugs on the list?

UnitedHealthcare has multiple participating specialty pharmacies. Our participating specialty pharmacies provide fulfillment and distribution services to meet the needs of our members and our care providers.

How will the specialty pharmacy be chosen if there are multiple specialty pharmacies listed for a drug?

The specialty pharmacy is designated by the prescribing physician. All specialty pharmacies have the ability to supply the drug to the physician and hospital to administer.

Will the specialty pharmacies be prepared to support this requirement?

Yes. Specialty pharmacies currently provide these drugs to physicians and hospitals, effectively supporting the member and provider experience.

How will hospitals be reimbursed?

When a specialty medication is obtained through one of the indicated specialty pharmacies, the pharmacy will bill UnitedHealthcare directly for the medications under the member's medical benefit. The specialty pharmacy will advise the member of any medical cost-share responsibility and arrange for the collection of it. When submitting a claim for reimbursement, hospitals:

- May only bill for the appropriate code to administer the medication
- May not bill members for the medication
- May not bill UnitedHealthcare for the medication

We anticipate that all hospitals will be able to source the specialty medications administered in an outpatient hospital setting from a designated specialty pharmacy. In the event a hospital doesn't obtain the specialty medication through an indicated specialty pharmacy, UnitedHealthcare will deny payment for the medication, because the protocol hasn't been followed. Hospitals may not bill members for medication that is denied when the protocol hasn't been followed.

Who do I contact with any additional questions related to this expanded requirement?

If you have additional questions, please contact your supporting UnitedHealthcare Network Contract Manager or Hospital and Facility Advocate.

| Medication Name | Therapeutic Class | Code | Specialty Pharmacy |
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| Actemra® | Inflammatory Conditions | J3262 | Caremark (CVS Specialty) |
| | | | Option Care Health |
| | | | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| Adakveo® | Sickle Cell Disease | J0791 | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| Aldurazyme® | Enzyme Replacement Therapy | J1931 | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | AllianceRx Walgreens Prime |
| | | | Caremark (CVS Specialty) |
| | | | Option Care Health |
| | | | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| Aralast NP® | Alpha ₁ -proteinase inhibitors | J0256 | Orsini Pharmaceutical Services |
| | | | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | AllianceRx Walgreens Prime |
| | | | Caremark (CVS Specialty) |
| | | | Option Care Health |
| Benlysta® | Monoclonal Antibody Miscellaneous | J0490 | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | AllianceRx Walgreens Prime |
| | | | Caremark (CVS Specialty) |
| | | | Option Care Health |
| Bivigam™ | Immune Globulin | J1556 | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| | | | Optum Infusion |
| Cerezyme® | Enzyme Deficiency (Gaucher Disease) | J1786 | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | AllianceRx Walgreens Prime |
| | | | Caremark (CVS Specialty) |
| | | | Option Care Health |
| | | | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| Cinqair® | Asthma | J2786 | Orsini Pharmaceutical Services |
| | | | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| Cutaquig® | Immune Globulin | J3590 | Option Care Health |
| | | | Optum Infusion |
| Cuvitru™ | Immune Globulin | J1555 | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | Option Care Health |
| | | | Optum Infusion |
| Elaprase® | Enzyme Replacement Therapy | J1743 | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| | | | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | AllianceRx Walgreens Prime |
| | | | Caremark (CVS Specialty) |
| | | | Option Care Health |
| Elelyso® | Enzyme Deficiency (Gaucher Disease) | J3060 | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| | | | Orsini Pharmaceutical Services |
| | | | Accredo Health Group |

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| | | | Caremark (CVS Specialty) |
| | | | Orsini Pharmaceutical Services |
| Entyvio® | Inflammatory Conditions | J3380 | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | AllianceRx Walgreens Prime |
| | | | Caremark (CVS Specialty) |
| | | | Option Care Health |
| | | | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| Exondys 51® | CNS agents | J1428 | Option Care Health |
| | | | Orsini Pharmaceutical Services |
| Fabrazyme® | Enzyme Replacement Therapy | J0180 | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | AllianceRx Walgreens Prime |
| | | | Caremark (CVS Specialty) |
| | | | Option Care Health |
| | | | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| Fasenra® | Asthma | J0517 | Orsini Pharmaceutical Services |
| | | | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | AllianceRx Walgreens Prime |
| | | | Caremark (CVS Specialty) |
| Gammagard Liquid® | Immune Globulin | J1569 | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| | | | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | AllianceRx Walgreens Prime |
| | | | Caremark (CVS Specialty) |
| | | | Option Care Health |
| | | | Optum Infusion |
| Gammaked™ | Immune Globulin | J1561 | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| | | | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | AllianceRx Walgreens Prime |
| | | | Option Care Health |
| | | | Optum Infusion |
| Gammaplex® | Immune Globulin | J1557 | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| | | | AllianceRx Walgreens Prime |
| | | | Option Care Health |
| | | | Optum Infusion |
| Gamunex-C® | Immune Globulin | J1561 | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| | | | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | AllianceRx Walgreens Prime |
| | | | Caremark (CVS Specialty) |
| | | | Option Care Health |
| | | | Optum Infusion |
| Givlaari® | Blood Modifying Agents | J0223 | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| | | | Accredo Health Group |
| Glassia™ | Alpha ₁ -proteinase inhibitors | J0257 | PantheRx |
| | | | Accredo Health Group |

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| | | | AllianceRx Walgreens Prime |
| | | | Caremark (CVS Specialty) |
| | | | Option Care Health |
| Hizentra® | Immune Globulin | J1559 | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | AllianceRx Walgreens Prime |
| | | | Option Care Health |
| | | | Optum Infusion |
| | | | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| HyQvia® | Immune Globulin | J1575 | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | AllianceRx Walgreens Prime |
| | | | Option Care Health |
| | | | Optum Infusion |
| | | | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| Ilaris® | Immune Modulator | J0638 | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | Caremark (CVS Specialty) |
| Ilumya™ | Inflammatory Conditions | J3245 | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | Caremark (CVS Specialty) |
| | | | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| Inflectra® | Inflammatory Conditions | Q5103 | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | Option Care Health |
| | | | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| Kanuma® | Enzyme Replacement Therapy | J2840 | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | AllianceRx Walgreens Prime |
| | | | Caremark (CVS Specialty) |
| | | | Option Care Health |
| | | | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| | | | Orsini Pharmaceutical Services |
| Krystexxa® | Anti-Gout Agent | J2507 | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| | | | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | Caremark (CVS Specialty) |
| Lemtrada® | Multiple Sclerosis | J0202 | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | Caremark (CVS Specialty) |
| | | | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| Lumizyme® | Enzyme Replacement Therapy | J0221 | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | AllianceRx Walgreens Prime |
| | | | Caremark (CVS Specialty) |
| | | | Option Care Health |
| | | | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| | | | Orsini Pharmaceutical Services |
| Mepsevii™ | Enzyme Replacement Therapy | J3397 | Accredo Health Group |
| Naglazyme® | Enzyme Replacement Therapy | J1458 | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | Caremark (CVS Specialty) |
| | | | Option Care Health |

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| | | | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| | | | Orsini Pharmaceutical Services |
| Nucala® | Asthma | J2182 | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| Ocrevus® | Multiple Sclerosis | J2350 | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | Caremark (CVS Specialty) |
| | | | Option Care Health |
| | | | Optum Infusion |
| | | | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| Octagam® | Immune Globulin | J1568 | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | AllianceRx Walgreens Prime |
| | | | Option Care Health |
| | | | Optum Infusion |
| | | | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| Orencia IV® | Inflammatory Conditions | J0129 | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | AllianceRx Walgreens Prime |
| | | | Caremark (CVS Specialty) |
| | | | Option Care Health |
| | | | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| Panzyga® | Immune Globulin | J1599 | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | Option Care Health |
| | | | Optum Infusion |
| | | | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| Privigen® | Immune Globulin | J1459 | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | AllianceRx Walgreens Prime |
| | | | Caremark (CVS Specialty) |
| | | | Option Care Health |
| | | | Optum Infusion |
| | | | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| Prolastin-C® | Alpha ₁ -proteinase inhibitors | J0256 | Eversana |
| Reblozyl | Anemia | J0896 | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| Remicade® | Inflammatory Conditions | J1745 | Option Care Health |
| | | | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| Renflexis® | Inflammatory Conditions | Q5104 | Caremark (CVS Specialty) |
| | | | Option Care Health |
| | | | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| Simponi Aria® | Inflammatory Conditions | J1602 | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | AllianceRx Walgreens Prime |
| | | | Caremark (CVS Specialty) |
| | | | Option Care Health |
| | | | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| Soliris® | Blood-Modifying Agents | J1300 | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | AllianceRx Walgreens Prime |

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| | | | Caremark (CVS Specialty) |
| | | | Option Care Health |
| | | | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| Trogarzo™ | HIV | J1746 | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | Caremark (CVS Specialty) |
| | | | Option Care Health |
| Tysabri® | Multiple Sclerosis | J232 | AllianceRx Walgreens Prime |
| | | | Option Care Health |
| | | | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| Ultomiris™ | Blood-Modifying Agents | J1303 | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | Caremark (CVS Specialty) |
| | | | Option Care Health |
| | | | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| | | | US Bioservices |
| Vimizim® | Enzyme Replacement Therapy | J1322 | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | Caremark (CVS Specialty) |
| | | | Option Care Health |
| | | | Orsini Pharmaceutical Services |
| VPRIV® | Enzyme Deficiency (Gaucher Disease) | J3385 | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | AllianceRx Walgreens Prime |
| | | | Option Care Health |
| | | | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| | | | Orsini Pharmaceutical Services |
| Vyondys-53® | CNS Agents | J1429 | Option Care Health |
| | | | Orsini Pharmaceutical Services |
| Xolair® | Asthma | J2357 | Accredo Health Group |
| | | | AllianceRx Walgreens Prime |
| | | | Optum Pharmacy (Specialty) |
| Zemaira® | Alpha ₁ -proteinase inhibitors | J0256 | Accredo Health Group |
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