

UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage Coverage Summary Update Bulletin: September 2023

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Coverage Summary Updates

Policy Title	Status	Approval Date
Abortion	Retired	Aug. 9, 2023
Alcohol, Chemical and/or Substance Abuse: Detoxification and Rehabilitation	Retired	Aug. 9, 2023
Allergy Testing and Allergy Immunotherapy	Retired	Aug. 9, 2023
Cardiac Procedures: Pacemakers, Pulmonary Artery Pressure Measurements, Ventricular Assistive Devices, Valve Repair, and Valve Replacements	Revised	Aug. 9, 2023
Change in Membership Status while Hospitalized (Acute, LTC and SNF) or Receiving Home Health	Retired	Aug. 9, 2023
Chemotherapy, and Associated Drugs and Treatments	Retired	Aug. 9, 2023
Chiropractic Services	Retired	Aug. 9, 2023
Complementary, Alternative Medicine, and Chiropractic Services	Revised	Aug. 9, 2023
Cosmetic and Reconstructive Procedures	Updated	Aug. 9, 2023
Court, Attorney or Agency Requested Services	Retired	Aug. 9, 2023
Dialysis Services	Retired	Aug. 9, 2023
Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Prosthetics, Corrective Appliances/Orthotics (Non-Foot Orthotics), and Medical Supplies	Replaced	Aug. 9, 2023
Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Prosthetics, Corrective Appliances/Orthotics (Non-Foot Orthotics), Nutritional Therapy, and Medical Supplies Grid	Revised	Aug. 9, 2023
Experimental Procedures and Items, Investigational Devices, and Clinical Trials	Retired	Aug. 9, 2023
Foot Care Services and Supportive Devices	Retired	Aug. 9, 2023
Genetic Testing	Updated	Aug. 9, 2023
Home Health Services, Home Health Visits, Respite Care, and Hospice Care	Revised	Aug. 9, 2023
Hospice Services	Retired	Aug. 9, 2023
Infusion Pump Therapy	Retired	Aug. 9, 2023
Laboratory Tests and Services	Updated	Aug. 9, 2023
Medications/Drugs (Outpatient/Part B)	Revised	Aug. 9, 2023
Mental Health Services and Procedures	Retired	Aug. 9, 2023
Neurologic Services and Procedures	Revised	Aug. 9, 2023
Non-Covered Services (Including Services/Complications Related to Non-Covered Services)	Retired	Aug. 9, 2023
Obesity: Treatment of Obesity, Non-Surgical, and Surgical (Bariatric Surgery)	Revised	Aug. 9, 2023
Organ and Tissue Transplants	Revised	Aug. 9, 2023
Oxygen for Home Use	Replaced	Aug. 9, 2023

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Pain Management and Rehabilitation	Revised	Aug. 9, 2023
Physician Services	Retired	Aug. 9, 2023
Positron Emission Tomography (PET)/Combined PET-CT (Computed Tomography)	Retired	Aug. 9, 2023
Preventive Health Services and Procedures	Retired	Aug. 9, 2023
Prostate Services and Procedures and Impotence Treatment	Revised	Aug. 9, 2023
Radiologic Diagnostic Procedures	Revised	Aug. 9, 2023
Rehabilitation: Cardiac and Medical	Revised	Aug. 9, 2023
Reproductive Services: Infertility, Family Planning, and Maternity Care	Revised	Aug. 9, 2023
Respiratory Services and Equipment	Revised	Aug. 9, 2023
Services While Confined/Incarcerated	Retired	Aug. 9, 2023
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Care and Exhaustion of SNF Benefits	Retired	Aug. 9, 2023
Sleep Apnea Diagnosis and Treatment	Revised	Aug. 9, 2023
Spine Procedures	Revised	Aug. 9, 2023
Telemedicine/Telehealth Services	Retired	Aug. 9, 2023
Veteran Administration (VA) and Indian Health Services (IHS)	Retired	Aug. 9, 2023
Vision Services, Therapy, and Rehabilitation	Revised	Aug. 9, 2023

General Information

The inclusion of a health service (e.g., test, drug, device or procedure) in this bulletin indicates only that UnitedHealthcare has recently adopted a new policy and/or updated, revised, replaced or retired an existing policy; it does not imply that UnitedHealthcare provides coverage for the health service. In the event of an inconsistency or conflict between the information provided in this bulletin and the posted policy, the provisions of the posted policy will prevail. Note that most benefit plan documents exclude from benefit coverage health services identified as investigational or unproven/not medically necessary. Physicians and other health care professionals may not seek or collect payment from a member for services not covered by the applicable benefit plan unless first obtaining the member's written consent, acknowledging that the service is not covered by the benefit plan and that they will be billed directly for the service.

UnitedHealthcare respects the expertise of the physicians, health care professionals, and their staff who participate in our network. Our goal is to support you and your patients in making the most informed decisions regarding the choice of quality and cost-effective care, and to support practice staff with a simple and predictable administrative experience. The Policy Update Bulletin was developed to share important information regarding UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage Coverage Summary updates. When information in this bulletin conflicts with applicable state and/or federal law, UnitedHealthcare follows such applicable federal and/or state law.

Note: The absence of a policy does not automatically indicate or imply coverage. As always, coverage for a health service must be determined in accordance with the member's benefit plan and any applicable CMS, federal, or state regulatory requirements. Additionally, UnitedHealthcare reserves the right to review the clinical evidence supporting the safety and effectiveness of a medical technology prior to rendering a coverage determination.

Policy Update Classifications

New

New coverage guidelines have been adopted for a health service (e.g., test, drug, device or procedure)

Updated

An existing policy has been reviewed and changes have not been made to the coverage guidelines; however, items such as the definitions or references may have been updated

Revised

An existing policy has been reviewed and revisions have been made to the coverage guidelines

Replaced

An existing policy has been replaced with a new or different policy

Retired

An existing policy has been retired



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