



UnitedHealthcare Commercial Medical Policy Update Bulletin: December 2021

Access a policy listed below for complete details on the latest updates. A comprehensive summary of changes is provided at the bottom of every policy document for your reference. To view a detailed version of this bulletin, click [here](#).

Take Note

Annual CDT®, CPT®, and HCPCS Code Updates

Beginning Jan. 1, 2022, all applicable Medical Policies, Medical Benefit Drug Policies, Coverage Determination Guidelines, and Utilization Review Guidelines will be modified to reflect the 2022 Current Dental Terminology (CDT®), Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®), and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code additions, revisions, and deletions. Refer to the following sources for information on the code updates:

- [American Dental Association®. Current Dental Terminology: CDT®](#)
- [American Medical Association. Current Procedural Terminology: CPT®](#)
- [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System: HCPCS Level II](#)

Complete details on impacted policies and corresponding code edits will be provided in the January 2022 edition of the Medical Policy Update Bulletin.

Medical Policy Updates

Policy Title	Status	Effective Date
Airway Clearance Devices	Revised	Jan. 1, 2022
Apheresis	Revised	Jan. 1, 2022
Electrical and Ultrasound Bone Growth Stimulators	Revised	Jan. 1, 2022
Omnibus Codes	Revised	Jan. 1, 2022
Percutaneous Vertebroplasty and Kyphoplasty	Updated	Dec. 1, 2021
Prolotherapy and Platelet Rich Plasma Therapies	Updated	Jan. 1, 2022
Skin and Soft Tissue Substitutes	Revised	Jan. 1, 2022
Visual Information Processing Evaluation and Orthoptic and Vision Therapy	Revised	Jan. 1, 2022

Medical Benefit Drug Policy Updates

Policy Title	Status	Effective Date
Denosumab (Prolia® & Xgeva®)	Updated	Dec. 1, 2021
Evenity® (Romosozumab-Aqqg)	Revised	Jan. 1, 2022
Ryplazim® (Plasminogen, Human-Tvmh)	Revised	Jan. 1, 2022
Vyepiti™ (Eptinezumab-Jjmr)	Revised	Jan. 1, 2022
Xolair® (Omalizumab)	Revised	Nov. 23, 2021

Coverage Determination Guideline Updates

Policy Title	Status	Effective Date
Cosmetic and Reconstructive Procedures	Revised	Jan. 1, 2022
Emergency Health Care Services and Urgent Care Center Services	Revised	Jan. 1, 2022
Infertility Services	Updated	Dec. 1, 2021
Preventive Care Services	Revised	Jan. 1, 2022
Prosthetic Devices, Wigs, Specialized, Microprocessor or Myoelectric Limbs	Updated	Jan. 1, 2022

Utilization Review Guideline Updates

Policy Title	Status	Effective Date
Outpatient Surgical Procedures - Site of Service	Revised	Feb. 1, 2022

General Information

The inclusion of a health service (e.g., test, drug, device or procedure) in this bulletin indicates only that UnitedHealthcare is adopting 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. 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.

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 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.

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 Medical Policy Update Bulletin was developed to share important information regarding UnitedHealthcare Medical Policy, Medical Benefit Drug Policy, Coverage Determination Guideline, and Utilization Review Guideline updates. When information in this bulletin conflicts with applicable state and/or federal law, UnitedHealthcare follows such applicable federal and/or state law.

Policy Update Classifications

New

New clinical coverage criteria 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 clinical coverage criteria; however, items such as the clinical evidence, FDA information, and/or list(s) of applicable codes may have been updated

Revised

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

Replaced

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

Retired

The health service(s) addressed in the policy are no longer being managed or are considered to be proven/medically necessary and are therefore not excluded as unproven/not medically necessary services, unless coverage guidelines or criteria are otherwise documented in another policy



The complete library of UnitedHealthcare Medical Policies, Medical Benefit Drug Policies, Coverage Determination Guidelines, and Utilization Review Guidelines is available at [UHCprovider.com](https://www.uhcprovider.com) > Policies and Protocols > Commercial Policies > [Medical & Drug Policies and Coverage Determination Guidelines](#).