

# UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage Reimbursement Policy Update Bulletin: August 2023

New		
Policy Title	Effective Date	Policy Summary
Eligible Ordering and Referring Provider NPI CMS Requirement	November 1, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effective with date of service November 1, 2023, UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage will align with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirement that a legally eligible ordering/referring provider be identified on all claims all claims billed by Clinical Laboratories, Imaging Centers, DME Suppliers and Home Health Agencies. Claims will be denied when the CMS Ordering/Referring Provider eligibility criteria are not met.</li> <li>The new claim edits will determine if the Ordering/Referring Provider (when required to be identified in Part B clinical laboratory and imaging, DME, and Part A HHA claims) (1) has a current Medicare enrollment record and contains a valid NPI (the name and NPI must match), and (2) is of a provider type that is eligible to order or refer for Medicare beneficiaries.</li> <li>The Ordering &amp; Certifying Files lists all providers who are currently eligible to order and certify. These files are only available on the CMS Data website.</li> </ul>

Published reimbursement policies are intended to ensure reimbursement based on the code or codes that correctly describe the health care services provided. UnitedHealthcare reimbursement policies may use Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®\*), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) or other coding guidelines. References to CPT or other sources are for definitional purposes only and do not imply any right to reimbursement.

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.



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