

UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage Reimbursement Policy Update Bulletin: November 2026

Revised		
Policy Title	Effective Date	Summary of Changes
Routine Test Management – Allergen Testing Policy, Professional and Facility	9/1/2026	<p>On June 1, 2026, UnitedHealthcare announced that effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2026, UnitedHealthcare would implement the new Allergen Testing Policy, Professional and Facility which indicated that we would consider reimbursement of in vitro serum IgE testing of individuals 20 years of age or older for moderate to severe asthma or signs or symptoms of allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis.</p> <p>Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2026, UnitedHealthcare is expanding consideration for reimbursement to include the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyps (CRSwNP)• IgE-mediated food allergy (IgE-MFA)

Code Updates		
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Reimbursement Policy Code Updates – Multiple Policies	N/A	<p>In response to provider feedback and in an effort to provide more transparency, UnitedHealthcare is providing additional information regarding code updates that impact reimbursement policies. These updates do not change the intent or the coding requirements of the policy, but reflect changes made to industry standard code sets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The following UnitedHealthcare policies have recently been updated to include code changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allergen Testing Policy, Professional and Facility - RTM Information regarding these code updates can be found in the history section which is located at the end of the posted policy. Code sections/lists/tables within a policy may not be comprehensive but may be provided as examples. Please review the full policy to understand applicability. Code updates could include, for example, CPT, HCPCS, ICD-10, Modifiers, Revenue Codes, or other industry standard code sets. UnitedHealthcare routinely updates its reimbursement policies in response to code updates made by, for example, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the American Medical Association (AMA), and the World Health Organization (WHO). This information is provided as a courtesy and may not include all code updates.

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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