

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Medical Policy Update Bulletin Quick View: January 2025



A list of recently approved, revised, and/or retired Medical Policies and/or Medical Benefit Drug Policies is provided below for your reference. **For a comprehensive summary of the latest updates, refer to the [Medical Policy Update Bulletin: January 2025](#).**

Take Note

Annual CPT/HCPCS Code Updates

Effective **Jan. 1, 2025**, all applicable Medical Policies and Medical Benefit Drug Policies will be updated to reflect the 2025 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 Medical Association: Current Procedural Terminology: CPT®](#)
- [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System \(HCPCS\) Quarterly Update](#)

Refer to the [Medical Policy Update Bulletin: January 2025](#) for a list of impacted policies and corresponding details.

Medical Policy Updates

Policy Title	Status	Effective Date
Bariatric Surgery	Updated	Jan. 1, 2025
Durable Medical Equipment, Orthotics, Medical Supplies, and Repairs/ Replacements (for Nebraska Only)	Revised	Mar. 1, 2025
Electric Tumor Treatment Field Therapy	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025
Electric Tumor Treatment Field Therapy (for New Jersey Only)	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025
Electrical Stimulation for the Treatment of Pain and Muscle Rehabilitation	Updated	Mar. 1, 2025
Electrical Stimulation for the Treatment of Pain and Muscle Rehabilitation (for Nebraska Only)	Updated	Mar. 1, 2025
Electrical Stimulation for the Treatment of Pain and Muscle Rehabilitation (for New Jersey Only)	Updated	Mar. 1, 2025
Liposuction for Lipedema	Updated	Jan. 1, 2025
Mobility Devices, Options, and Accessories	Updated	Jan. 1, 2025
Percutaneous Vertebroplasty and Kyphoplasty	Updated	Jan. 1, 2025
Pharmacogenetic Panel Testing	Revised	Mar. 1, 2025
Pharmacogenetic Panel Testing (for Nebraska Only)	Revised	Mar. 1, 2025
Pharmacogenetic Panel Testing (for New Jersey Only)	Revised	Mar. 1, 2025
Radiation Therapy: Fractionation, Image-Guidance, and Special Services	Revised	Mar. 1, 2025
Skin and Soft Tissue Substitutes (for Nebraska Only)	Revised	Mar. 1, 2025
Skin and Soft Tissue Substitutes (for New Jersey Only)	Revised	Feb. 1, 2025
Speech Generating Devices	Updated	Jan. 1, 2025
Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy and Stereotactic Radiosurgery	Revised	Mar. 1, 2025
Surgery for the Prevention and Treatment of Lymphedema	Revised	Mar. 1, 2025

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Surgery for the Prevention and Treatment of Lymphedema (for New Jersey Only)	Revised	Mar. 1, 2025
Surgery of the Hip	Updated	Jan. 1, 2025
Surgery of the Knee	Updated	Jan. 1, 2025
Vertebral Body Tethering for Scoliosis	Updated	Mar. 1, 2025
Vertebral Body Tethering for Scoliosis (for New Jersey Only)	Updated	Mar. 1, 2025
Visual Information Processing Evaluation and Orthoptic and Vision Therapy	Updated	Jan. 1, 2025

Medical Benefit Drug Policy Updates

Policy Title	Status	Effective Date
Adakveo® (Crizanlizumab-Tmca)	Revised	Feb. 1, 2025
Buprenorphine (Brixadi® & Sublocade®)	Updated	Jan. 1, 2025
Ocrevus® (Ocrelizumab) and Ocrevus Zunovo™ (Ocrelizumab and Hyaluronidase-Ocsq)	Revised	Feb. 1, 2025
Provider Administered Drugs – Site of Care	Revised	Feb. 1, 2025
Roctavian® (Valoctocogene Roxaparvovec-Rvox)	Revised	Feb. 1, 2025

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 changes to our Community Plan Medical Policies and Medical Benefit Drug Policies. 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 Community Plan Medical Policies and Medical Benefit Drug Policies is available at [UHCprovider.com](https://www.uhcprovider.com) > Policies and Protocols > Community Plan Policies > Medical & Drug Policies.