

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Medical Policy Update Bulletin Quick View: November 2024



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: November 2024](#).**

Medical Policy Updates

Policy Title	Status	Effective Date
Breast Imaging for Screening and Diagnosing Cancer	Updated	Jan. 1, 2025
Breast Imaging for Screening and Diagnosing Cancer (for New Jersey Only)	Updated	Jan. 1, 2025
Breast Reconstruction (for Nebraska Only)	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025
Clinical Trials	Replaced	Nov. 1, 2024
Computed Tomographic Colonography	Retired	Nov. 1, 2024
Computed Tomographic Colonography (for New Jersey Only)	Retired	Nov. 1, 2024
Computer-Assisted Surgical Navigation for Musculoskeletal Procedures	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025
Corneal Collagen Cross-Linking	Retired	Nov. 1, 2024
Corneal Collagen Cross-Linking (for New Jersey Only)	Retired	Nov. 1, 2024
Electric Tumor Treatment Field Therapy	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025
Electric Tumor Treatment Field Therapy (for New Jersey Only)	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025
Electroretinography	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025
Electroretinography (for Nebraska Only)	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025
Hospital Services: Observation and Inpatient (for Nebraska Only)	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025
Inhaled Nitric Oxide Therapy	Updated	Nov. 1, 2024
Injectable Dermal Fillers and Bulking Agents (for Nebraska Only)	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025
Left Atrial Appendage Closure (Occlusion) (for Nebraska Only)	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025
Left Atrial Appendage Closure (Occlusion) (for New Jersey Only)	Revised	Dec. 1, 2024
Light and Laser Therapy	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025
Light and Laser Therapy (for New Jersey Only)	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025
Lower Extremity Endovascular Procedures	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025
Lower Extremity Endovascular Procedures (for New Jersey Only)	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025
Mechanical Stretching Devices	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025
Mechanical Stretching Devices (for New Jersey Only)	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025
Ocular Photoscreening	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025
Ocular Photoscreening (for Nebraska Only)	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025
Ocular Photoscreening (for New Jersey Only)	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025
Omnibus Codes	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025
Omnibus Codes (for Nebraska Only)	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025
Omnibus Codes (for New Jersey Only)	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025
Private Duty Nursing Services	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025

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Private Duty Nursing Services (for Florida Only)	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025
Private Duty Nursing Services (for Nebraska Only)	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025
Private Duty Nursing Services (for New Jersey Only)	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025
Spinal Fusion and Bone Healing Enhancement Products (for New Jersey Only)	Updated	Nov. 1, 2024
Surgery of the Hip	Updated	Nov. 1, 2024
Surgery of the Hip (for New Jersey Only)	Updated	Nov. 1, 2024

Medical Benefit Drug Policy Updates

Policy Title	Status	Effective Date
Complement Inhibitors (PiaSky®, Soliris®, & Ultomiris®)	Revised	Dec. 1, 2024
Hereditary Angioedema (HAE), Treatment and Prophylaxis	Revised	Dec. 1, 2024
Ilaris® (Canakinumab)	Revised	Dec. 1, 2024
Immune Globulin (IVIG and SCIG)	Updated	Nov. 1, 2024
Monoclonal Antibodies Directed Against Amyloid for the Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease	Revised	Dec. 1, 2024
Review at Launch for New to Market Medications	Revised	Dec. 1, 2024
Scenesse® (Afamelanotide)	Updated	Nov. 1, 2024
Tocilizumab (Actemra®, Tofidence™, and Tyenne®)	Updated	Nov. 1, 2024
Vyjuvek® (Beramagene Geperpavec-Svdt)	Updated	Nov. 1, 2024
Zolgensma® (Onasemnogene Abeparvovec-Xioi)	Revised	Dec. 1, 2024

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



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