



Provider Alert

Policy Change for the Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction of Diagnostic Imaging Services

Effective Jan. 1, 2017, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will change the Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction (MPPR) for the professional component of diagnostic imaging services for services provided to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members. For second and subsequent procedures, the reduction will change from 25 percent to 5 percent. We are adopting this change to align with a recent announcement by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in CMS Transmittal 3578.

The MPPR for the technical component of imaging remains at 50 percent.

Once implemented, the policy may be viewed at UHCCommunityPlan.com > For Health Care Professionals (click on the appropriate state) > Reimbursement Policies.

You may view transmittal R3578CP at CMS.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R3578CP.pdf

Note Regarding UnitedHealthcare Reimbursement Policies

Unless otherwise noted as follows, this reimbursement policy applies to services reported using the CMS-1500 or its electronic equivalent, or its successor form. Other factors affecting reimbursement may supplement, modify or in some cases supersede this policy. These factors include but are not limited to federal and/or state regulatory requirements, physician or other provider contracts, and/or the member's benefit coverage documents.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan reimbursement policies do not address all issues related to reimbursement for services rendered to our members, such as the member's benefit plan documents; our medical policies; and the UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Physician, Health Care Professional, Facility and Ancillary Provider Administrative Guide. Meeting the terms of a particular reimbursement policy is not a guarantee of payment. Likewise, retirement of a reimbursement policy affects only those system edits associated with the specific policy being retired. Retirement of a reimbursement policy is not a guarantee of payment. Other applicable reimbursement and medical policies and claims edits will continue to apply.

In the event of an inconsistency or conflict between the information in this Provider Notification and the posted policy, the provisions of the posted reimbursement policy prevail.

If you have any questions, please contact your Provider Advocate or call the number on your remittance advice. Thank you.