



New Policy-Evaluation and Management Reimbursement Policy

In alignment with coding and documentation guidance provided by the American Medical Association (AMA) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will publish the "Evaluation and Management (E&M) Reimbursement Policy." The policy will provide additional guidance in determining the appropriate E&M codes for services in the range 99201 – 99350. The policy will be published on Sept. 1, 2016, and can be accessed on at UHCommunityPlan.com under For Health Care Professionals (click on the appropriate state) > Reimbursement Policies.

Note Regarding Reimbursement Policies

As with all UnitedHealthcare Community Plan policies, 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.

Unless otherwise noted as follows, these reimbursement policies apply to services reported using the CMS-1500 or its electronic equivalent, or its successor form.

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.

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

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 Health Plan Representative or call the number on your Provider Remittance Advice/Explanation of Benefits.