



**New National Drug Code Requirement Policy:
Effective for Claims With Date of Service On Or After May 1, 2017**

Effective for claims with a date of service on or after May 1, 2017, we will be implementing a new National Drug Code (NDC) Requirement reimbursement policy. Claims submitted for reimbursement for drug-related codes for UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members must include NDC number, NDC unit of measure and NDC units dispensed.

This requirement applies to paper claim form CMS-1500 and Electronic Data Interface (EDI) transaction 837P when billed for drug-related Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes and drug-related Current Procedure Terminology (CPT) codes. The NDC number, NDC unit of measure and NDC units dispensed will be enforced, as well as the corresponding HCPCS and CPT codes and units administered for each code. If you do not include the NDC with your claims submission, your claim may be denied and you will be notified through a Provider Remittance Advice (PRA) to resubmit the claim with the NDC information.

NDCs are the industry standard identifier for drugs and provide full transparency to the medication administered. Requiring the NDC will allow us to differentiate and target drugs that share the same HCPCS code for drug preferences and allow us to identify billing errors and improve reimbursement processes.

Note Regarding Reimbursement Policies

As with all UnitedHealthcare Community Plan policies, other factors affecting reimbursement may supplement, modify or supersede them, including, but are not limited to: federal and/or state regulatory requirements, physician or other care 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.