



## New Intensity-Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT) Reimbursement Policy

Effective for claims with dates of service on or after July 1, 2016, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will implement the IMRT Reimbursement Policy to further align with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Separate reimbursement will not be allowed for Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes 77280, 77285 and 77290, Therapeutic radiology simulation-aided field setting; simple, intermediate or complex, when billed prior to CPT code 77301, Intensity modulated radiotherapy plan, whether on the same or different dates of service.

The CMS National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) Policy Manual was updated in 2014 to indicate that the same date of service procedure-to-procedure edits between CPT code 77301 and pre-IMRT plan simulation codes 77280, 77285 and 77290 would be extended to include all simulation activities associated with the development of the IMRT plan whether these procedures are reported on the same or different dates of service. If simulation services have been previously paid and a subsequent claim is received for payment of the IMRT plan, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will retroactively adjust prior payment for the simulation services. This new policy will apply to services reported using the 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form (CMS-1500) or its electronic equivalent or its successor form.

### 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 [UHCCCommunityPlan.com](http://UHCCCommunityPlan.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.