

## Drug Testing Reimbursement Policy Update – Effective Jan. 1, 2018

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan is updating its drug testing policy for dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2018. The change will apply a new annual limit of 18 dates for presumptive and 18 definitive drug tests:

- Presumptive drug tests: Codes 80305, 80306 and 80307
- Definitive drug tests: Codes G0480, G0481, G0482, G0483 and G0659
- Definitive drug tests for states using CPT Drug Assay codes 80320-80377 and 83992

The frequency limitation applies to claims submitted by the same or a different care provider for services for UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members.

Claims for drug testing services that are court ordered and/or funded by a county, state or federal agency will continue to be denied. For additional information on this policy, visit [UHCCCommunityPlan.com](http://UHCCCommunityPlan.com) > For Health Care Professionals > (click on the appropriate state) > Reimbursement Policies > Services and Modifiers Not Reimbursable to Healthcare Professionals Policy.

To learn more about the new drug testing limits, please see the updated policy posted on Jan. 1, 2018, at [UHCCCommunityPlan.com](http://UHCCCommunityPlan.com) > For Health Care Professionals > (click on the appropriate state) > Reimbursement Policies.

### We're Here to Help

If you have questions, please contact your Health Plan Representative or call the number on your Provider Remittance Advice/Explanation of Benefits.

### 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.

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.