



New Medical Policy, and Changes to Existing Reimbursement Policies

New Medical Policy

Effective for claims with dates of service on or after Oct. 1, 2013, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will implement a new Medical Policy for Chromosome Microarray Testing

- Chromosome Microarray Testing codes will be allowed when billed with diagnosis codes for specific genetic medical diagnoses that are listed within the policy. Click the link to view the policy:
<https://www.unitedhealthcareonline.com/b2c/CmaAction.do?channelId=cdc94e74bc62c010VgnVCM100000c520720a>.

Existing Drug Policy Change

Title: Immune Globulin IVIG

- For claims processed on or after Sept. 14, 2013, there will be an updated diagnosis list for this policy with additional codes as well as codes that have been removed. Please reference the policy for those changes. Click the link to view the policy:
<https://www.unitedhealthcareonline.com/b2c/CmaAction.do?channelId=cdc94e74bc62c010VgnVCM100000c520720a>.

Existing Reimbursement Policy Changes

Effective for claims processed on or after Sept. 14, 2013, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will make a change to the following existing Reimbursement Policies.

Title: Anesthesia

- Additional edits will be included that will not reimburse anesthesia CPT codes 00100-01999 (excluding 01953 and 01996) when reported by the physician who also reports the surgery. The change is based on the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) "A Guide for Surgery/Anesthesia CPT Codes 2013 Crosswalk®". Per the American Medical Association (AMA), if a physician personally performs the regional or general anesthesia for a surgical procedure that he/she also performs, modifier-47 should be appended to the surgical code, and no codes from the Anesthesia section of the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code book should be used. Please refer to the AMA publication, "Coding with Modifiers", fourth edition and the *CPT Assistant Online* Newsletter dated November 2006, page 23.

Title: Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation: Speech Therapy

- To align with CMS coding guidelines, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan reimburses speech language therapists/pathologists for Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes 92507, 92508 and 92526. UnitedHealthcare will not reimburse speech language therapists/pathologists for CPT codes 97110, 97112, 97150, 97530 or 97532.
- To align with guidance from CMS and the AMA, claims processed on or after Sept.14, 2013, the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation: Speech Therapy Policy will be revised to no longer reimburse for CPT codes 99201-99499 when reported by speech and language therapists/pathologists. This aligns with guidance from CMS and the AMA.

Title: Supply Policy

- To align with CMS guidelines, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will not reimburse for the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) supply codes currently addressed within the policy as well as drugs reported with a HCPCS J-code when reported with the following facility places of service (POS):
 - POS 21- inpatient hospital
 - POS 22- outpatient hospital
 - POS 23- emergency room
 - POS 24- ambulatory surgical center
- Payment for supplies and drugs reported with a HCPCS J-code are considered incorporated in the payment to the facility in these settings and are not separately reimbursable when reported by a provider or health care professional on a CMS 1500 claim form.

Title: Vaccines for Children

- Effective Sept. 14, 2013 in states where it is required, if an SL or other modifier is not present on the serum and/or administration codes, the claim will not be reimbursed. Currently the only states with this requirement include Arizona, Nebraska and New York.. If other states adopt this requirement, they will be added to the modifier section of the policy.

Title: Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation: Multiple Therapy Procedure Reduction

Effective for claims processed on or after Oct. 1, 2013, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will make a change to the following existing reimbursement policy.

- Effective April 1, 2013, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) increased the reduction rate of duplicated practice expense components from 20 to 50 percent as part of the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012. To align with CMS reimbursement for these types of therapy services, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will implement the 50 percent reduction to the practice expense component of secondary and subsequent therapy procedures for claims processed on or after Oct. 1, 2013. The reduction will not apply to the work expense or the malpractice expense components of therapy services. For more information, please go to cms.gov/Regulations-andGuidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R1194OTN.pdf.

Regarding Reimbursement Policies

Unless otherwise noted below, these reimbursement policies apply to services reported using the CMS1500 claim form.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan reimbursement policies do not address all issues related to reimbursement for services rendered to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members, such as the member's benefit plan documents; UnitedHealthcare Community Plan 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 policies, medical policies and claims edits will continue to apply.

Once implemented, the policies may be viewed at UHCCommunityPlan.com > For Health Professional > Select Your State > Reimbursement Policies.

In the event the information provided in this Provider Notification differs from 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.