

Prior Authorization Requirements for STAR Effective July 1, 2017



General Information

This list contains prior authorization review requirements for UnitedHealthcare Community Plan STAR participating care providers for inpatient and outpatient services. To request prior authorization, please submit your request online, or by phone or fax:

- **Online:** UnitedHealthcareOnline.com > Notifications/Prior Authorizations > Notification/Prior Authorization Submission
- **Phone:** 866-604-3267
- **Fax:** 877-940-1972; fax form is available at UHCCommunityPlan.com > For Health Care Professionals > Texas > Provider Forms > Standard Prior Authorization Form: Texas Department of Insurance.

Prior authorization is not required for emergency or urgent care. Out-of-network physicians, facilities and other health care providers must request prior authorization for all procedures and services, excluding emergent or urgent care.

Procedures and Services	Additional Information	Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Codes			
Bariatric surgery Bariatric surgery and specific obesity-related services	Prior authorization required	43644	43645	43648	43659
		43770	43775	43842	43845
		43846	43847	43848	43860
		43881	43882	64590	95980
		95981	95982		
Bone growth stimulator Electronic stimulation or ultrasound to heal fractures	Prior authorization required	20974	20975	20979	E0747
		E0748	E0760		
BRCA genetic testing	Prior authorization required	81211	81212	81214	81215
		81216	81217		
Breast reconstruction (non-mastectomy) Reconstruction of the breast except when following mastectomy	Prior authorization required	19316	19318	19324	19325
		19328	19330	19340	19342
		19350	19357	19361	19364
		19366	19367	19368	19369
		19370	19371	19380	19396
Circumcision	Prior authorization required for members older than age 1	54150	54160	54161	54162
Cochlear implants and other auditory implants A medical device within the inner ear and with an external portion to help persons with profound sensorineural deafness achieve conversational speech	Prior authorization required	69714	69715	69718	69930
		L8614	L8619	L8690	L8691
		L8692			
Cosmetic and reconstructive Cosmetic procedures that change or improve physical appearance without significantly improving or restoring physiological function Reconstructive procedures that treat a medical condition or improve or restore physiologic function	Prior authorization required	11960	11971	15820	15821
		15822	15823	15830	15847
		17106	17107	17108	17999
		21137	21138	21139	21172
		21175	21179	21180	21181
		21182	21183	21184	21230
		21235	21256	21260	21261
		21263	21267	21268	21275

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Cosmetic and reconstructive (cont'd)		21280	21282	21295	21740
		21742	21743	28344	30540
		30545	30560	30620	67900
		67901	67902	67903	67904
		67906	67908	67909	67911
		67912	67914	67915	67916
		67917	67921	67922	67923
		67924	67950	67961	67966
		Q2026			
Dental anesthesia	Prior authorization required	00170	41899		
Durable medical equipment (DME): more than \$500 DME codes listed with a retail purchase or cumulative rental cost of more than \$500	<p>Prior authorization required only in outpatient settings, to include patient's home</p> <p>Prosthetics are not DME – see <i>Orthotics and prosthetics</i>.</p> <p>Some home health care services may qualify but are not subject to the cost threshold – see <i>Home health care</i>.</p>	A9279	A9900	E0193	E0194
		E0265	E0277	E0300	E0304
		E0328	E0329	E0445	E0457
		E0460	E0465	E0466	E0470
		E0471	E0472	E0483	E0601
		E0637	E0638	E0641	E0642
		E0650	E0651	E0652	E0667
		E0668	E0669	E0673	E0700
		E0710	E0745	E0762	E0764
		E0766	E0782	E0783	E0784
		E0786	E1002	E1003	E1004
		E1005	E1006	E1007	E1008
		E1009	E1010	E1011	E1018
		E1035	E1085	E1086	E1089
		E1090	E1130	E1140	E1161
		E1220	E1229	E1230	E1231
		E1232	E1233	E1234	E1235
		E1236	E1237	E1238	E1239
		E1250	E1260	E1285	E1290
		E1300	E1310	E1399	E1825
		E1830	E1840	E2100	E2204
		E2227	E2228	E2300	E2310
		E2311	E2312	E2321	E2325
		E2327	E2328	E2329	E2330
		E2343	E2351	E2370	E2373
		E2375	E2376	E2510	E2511
		E2512	E2599	E2616	E2626
		E2627	E2628	E2629	E2630
		E8001	K0005	K0007	K0008
		K0011	K0013	K0108	K0606
		K0730	K0800	K0801	K0802
		K0821	K0822	K0823	K0824
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		K0829	K0836	K0837	K0838
		K0839	K0840	K0841	K0842

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		K0851	K0852	K0853	K0854
		K0855	K0856	K0857	K0858
		K0859	K0860	K0861	K0862
		K0863	K0864	K0868	K0869
		K0870	K0871	K0877	K0878
		K0879	K0880	K0884	K0885
		K0886	K0890	K0891	K0898
		K0899	T1999		
Enteral services In-home nutritional therapy, either enteral or through a gastrostomy tube	Prior authorization required	B4034	B4035	B4036	B4100
		B4103	B4104	B4149	B4150
		B4152	B4153	B4155	B4158
		B4159	B4160	B4161	B9000
		B9002	B9998		
Experimental and investigational	Prior authorization required	33477	36514	55866	61863
		61864	61867	61868	61886
		62264	62290	62291	64555
		64722	66180	95965	95966
		95967	95978	A9274	A9276
		A9277	E1831	S1040	
Femoroacetabular impingement syndrome (FAI)	Prior authorization required	29914	29915	29916	
Functional endoscopic sinus surgery (FESS)	Prior authorization required	31239	31240	31254	31255
		31256	31267	31276	31287
		31288			
Home health care	Prior authorization required only in outpatient settings, to include member's home	99503	G0156	G0299	G0300
		S9122	S9123	S9124	S9127
		S9128	S9474		
Injectable medications	Prior authorization required	Acthar® J0800			
		Botox® J0585 J0586 J0587 J0588			
		Cinqair® J2786			
		IVIG 90284 J1459 J1556 J1557 J1559 J1561 J1566 J1568 J1569 J1572 J1575 J1599			
		Makena® J1725 J2675			

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Injectable medications (cont'd)		<p>Nucala® J2182</p> <p>Probuphine® J0570</p> <p>Synagis®* 90378</p> <p>Unclassified** J3490 J3590</p> <p>Xolair® J2357</p> <p>* Please obtain prior notification for Synagis through OptumRx prior notifications services at 800-310-6826.</p> <p>** For Unclassified codes J3490 and J3590, prior authorization is only required for Exondys 51™, Ocrevus™ and Spinraza™.</p>																																								
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<p>Orthotics and prosthetics: more than \$500 (cont'd) Orthotics and prosthetic codes listed with a retail purchase or cumulative rental cost of more than \$500</p>		L5722 L5780 L5812 L5822 L5830 L5856 L5950 L5964 L5976 L5982 L5988 L6010 L6055 L6130 L6300 L6360 L6384 L6550 L6584 L6621 L6648 L6690 L6695 L6707 L6712 L6880 L6884 L6905 L6925 L6945 L6965 L7008 L7170 L7186 L7499 L8042 L8046 L8610	L5724 L5790 L5814 L5824 L5840 L5857 L5960 L5966 L5979 L5984 L5990 L6020 L6100 L6200 L6310 L6370 L6400 L6570 L6586 L6623 L6686 L6692 L6696 L6708 L6713 L6881 L6885 L6910 L6930 L6950 L6970 L7009 L7180 L7190 L8035 L8043 L8047 V2623	L5726 L5795 L5816 L5826 L5845 L5858 L5961 L5968 L5980 L5986 L5999 L6026 L6110 L6205 L6320 L6380 L6450 L6580 L6588 L6624 L6687 L6693 L6697 L6709 L6714 L6882 L6895 L6915 L6935 L6955 L6975 L7040 L7181 L7191 L8040 L8044 L8499 V2627	L5728 L5811 L5818 L5828 L5848 L5930 L5962 L5973 L5981 L5987 L6000 L6050 L6120 L6250 L6350 L6382 L6500 L6582 L6590 L6646 L6689 L6694 L6704 L6711 L6715 L6883 L6900 L6920 L6940 L6960 L7007 L7045 L7185 L7405 L8041 L8045 L8500
<p>Outpatient therapy</p>	<p>Prior authorization required</p> <p>For prior authorization, please call OptumHealth Physical Health at 800-873-4575 or the notification number on the back of the member's health plan ID card.</p>	70371 92521 92526 92633 97014 97024 97033 97039	92506 92522 92626 96105 97016 97026 97034 97110	92507 92523 92627 97010 97018 97028 97035 97112	92508 92524 92630 97012 97022 97032 97036 97113

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Outpatient therapy (cont'd)		97116	97124	97139	97140
		97150	97164	97168	97530
		97532	97533	97535	97537
		97542	97545	97546	97750
		97755	97760	97761	97762
		97799	G0129	G0151	G0152
		G0281	G0282	G0283	G9041
		G9043	G9044	S8990	S9129
		S9131	S9152		
				OR billed with these Revenue codes:	
		419	420	421	422
		423	424	429	430
		431	432	433	434
		439	977	978	
Private duty nursing	Prior authorization required	T1000	T1002	T1003	
Proton beam therapy Focused radiation therapy using beams of protons, which are tiny particles with a positive charge	Prior authorization required	77520	77522	77523	77525
Rhinoplasty and septoplasty Treatment of nasal functional impairment and septal deviation	Prior authorization required	30400	30410	30420	30430
		30435	30450	30460	30462
Sinuplasty	Prior authorization required	31295	31296	31297	
Sleep apnea procedures and surgeries Maxillomandibular advancement and oral-pharyngeal tissue reduction for treating obstructive sleep apnea	Prior authorization required	21685	41599	42145	
Spinal stimulator for pain management Spinal cord stimulators when implanted for pain management	Prior authorization required	63650	63655	63685	
Spinal surgery	Prior authorization required	22100	22101	22102	22110
		22112	22114	22206	22207
		22210	22212	22214	22220
		22224	22532	22533	22548
		22551	22554	22556	22558
		22586	22590	22595	22600
		22610	22612	22630	22633
		22800	22802	22804	22808
		22810	22812	22818	22819
		22830	22849	22850	22852
		22855	22865	22899	63001

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Spinal surgery (cont'd)		63003 63005 63011 63012 63015 63016 63017 63020 63030 63040 63042 63045 63046 63047 63050 63055 63056 63064 63075 63077 63081 63085 63087 63090 63101 63102 63170 63172 63173 63180 63182 63185 63190 63191 63194 63195 63196 63198 63199 63200 63250 63251 63252 63265 63267 63268 63270 63271 63272 63286 63300 63301 63302 63303 63304 63305 63306 63307 63308 64553 64570
Vagus nerve stimulation Implantation of a device that sends electrical impulses into one of the cranial nerves	Prior authorization required	61885 64568 L8680 L8682 L8685 L8686 L8687 L8688
Vein procedures Removal and ablation of the main trunks and named branches of the saphenous veins for treating venous disease and varicose veins of the extremities	Prior authorization required	36473 36475 36478 37700 37718 37722 37780
Wound vac	Prior authorization required	E2402

Additional Prior Authorization Programs

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Behavioral health services	Prior authorization required Many of our benefit plans provide coverage for behavioral health services through a designated behavioral health network.	Please call 888-887-9003 when referring for mental health and substance use services.
Cardiology	Prior authorization required for participating physicians for inpatient, outpatient and office-based electrophysiology implants prior to performance Prior authorization required for participating physicians for outpatient and office-based diagnostic catheterizations, echocardiograms and	For prior authorization, please submit requests online at UnitedHealthcareOnline.com > Notifications/Prior Authorizations > Cardiology Notification & Authorization – Submission & Status, or call 866-889-8054 . For more details and the CPT codes that require prior authorization, please visit

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Cardiology (cont'd)	stress echoes prior to performance	UHCommunityPlan.com > For Health Care Professionals > Texas > Cardiology > Cardiology Prior Authorization CPT Code Crosswalk.
Chemotherapy	Prior authorization required for injectable chemotherapy drugs administered in an outpatient setting including intravenous, intravesical and intrathecal for a cancer diagnosis	<p>Injectable chemotherapy drugs that require prior authorization:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemotherapy injectable drugs (J9000 - J9999), Leucovorin (J0640), Levoleucovorin (J0641) • Chemotherapy injectable drugs that have a Q code • Chemotherapy injectable drugs that have not yet received an assigned code and will be billed under a miscellaneous Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code will require prior authorization <p>To submit a prior authorization online request for injectable chemotherapy drugs, please log on to UnitedHealthcareOnline.com > Notifications/Prior Authorizations > Oncology Authorization Submission and Status > Submit or Look Up Chemotherapy Prior Authorization Request.</p> <p>Prior authorization required for the following codes regardless of cancer diagnosis. For prior authorization, please call 866-604-3267.</p> <p>C9399 J3490 J3590</p>
Radiology	<p>Prior authorization required for participating physicians who request these advanced outpatient imaging procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certain CT, MRI, MRA and PET scans • Nuclear medicine and nuclear cardiology procedures 	<p>Care providers ordering an advanced outpatient imaging procedure are responsible for providing notification prior to scheduling the procedure.</p> <p>For prior authorization, please submit requests online at UnitedHealthcareOnline.com > Notifications/Prior Authorizations > Radiology Notification & Authorization – Submission & Status, or call 866-889-8054.</p> <p>For more details and the CPT codes that require prior authorization, please visit UHCommunityPlan.com > For Health Care Professionals > Texas > Radiology > CPT Code List.</p>

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<p>Transplants</p>	<p>Prior authorization required</p>	<p>For transplant services, please call the UnitedHealthcare Community and State Transplant Case Management Team at 800-418-4994 or the notification number on the back of the member's health plan ID card.</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>32850</td><td>32851</td><td>32852</td><td>32853</td></tr> <tr><td>32854</td><td>32855</td><td>32856</td><td>33930</td></tr> <tr><td>33933</td><td>33935</td><td>33940</td><td>33944</td></tr> <tr><td>33945</td><td>38208</td><td>38209</td><td>38210</td></tr> <tr><td>38212</td><td>38213</td><td>38214</td><td>38215</td></tr> <tr><td>38232</td><td>38240</td><td>38241</td><td>38242</td></tr> <tr><td>44132</td><td>44133</td><td>44135</td><td>44136</td></tr> <tr><td>44137</td><td>44715</td><td>44720</td><td>44721</td></tr> <tr><td>47133</td><td>47135</td><td>47140</td><td>47141</td></tr> <tr><td>47142</td><td>47143</td><td>47144</td><td>47145</td></tr> <tr><td>47146</td><td>47147</td><td>48551</td><td>48552</td></tr> <tr><td>48554</td><td>50300</td><td>50320</td><td>50323</td></tr> <tr><td>50325</td><td>50340</td><td>50360</td><td>50365</td></tr> <tr><td>50370</td><td>50380</td><td>50547</td><td>S2060</td></tr> <tr><td>S2061</td><td>S2152</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	32850	32851	32852	32853	32854	32855	32856	33930	33933	33935	33940	33944	33945	38208	38209	38210	38212	38213	38214	38215	38232	38240	38241	38242	44132	44133	44135	44136	44137	44715	44720	44721	47133	47135	47140	47141	47142	47143	47144	47145	47146	47147	48551	48552	48554	50300	50320	50323	50325	50340	50360	50365	50370	50380	50547	S2060	S2061	S2152		
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