



In March, 2010, President Obama signed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act, and collectively referred to as the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Section 6505 of the ACA prohibits states from providing payment for items or services provided under the state Medicaid plan or under a waiver to any financial institution or entity located outside of the United States (U.S.). This provision became effective on Jan. 1, 2011.

In accordance with this provision, the table below summarizes the circumstances under which Medicaid payment will be denied:

		Services Rendered	
		<i>Inside the U.S. (or U.S. territories)</i>	<i>Outside of the U.S. (or U.S. territories)</i>
Payment Sent	<i>Inside the U.S. (or U.S. territories)</i>	Compliant with ACA 6505	Out of Compliance with ACA 6505
	<i>Outside of the U.S. (or U.S. territories)</i>	Out of Compliance with ACA 6505	Out of Compliance with ACA 6505

Because UnitedHealthcare Community Plan is obligated to remain in compliance with federal law, as of August, 2011 UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will deny claims when:

- services for the Community Plan patient were rendered outside of the U.S. (or U.S. territories) and;
- payment is requested to be sent outside of the U.S. (or U.S. territories), regardless of where the service was rendered.