



## **Changes to Existing Reimbursement Policies**

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### **Reimbursement Policy Reminder-**

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### **Nonphysician Health Care Professionals Billing Evaluation and Management Codes Policy:**

Currently, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan does not reimburse E/M (CPT codes 99201-99499) when submitted by specific nonphysician health care professionals. According to CMS, E/M services are reimbursable to certain nonphysician practitioners, limited to nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse midwife, and physician assistant.

In accordance with CMS, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will not reimburse E/M services (CPT 99201-99499) when reported by the following additional nonphysician health care professionals for Medicaid products:

- Home Health/Private Duty Nurse
- Visiting Nurse
- Genetic Counselor
- Pharmacist
- Athletic Trainer
- Lactation Specialist
- Pastoral Counselor

For UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Medicare Dual Special Needs Plan (DSNP) products, the following additional nonphysician health care professionals will not reimburse E/M services:

- Home Health/Private Duty Nurse
- Visiting Nurse
- Genetic Counselor
- Pharmacist
- Athletic Trainer
- Lactation Specialist
- Pastoral Counselor
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Licensed Vocational Nurse
- Behavioral Analyst
- Counselor-Alcohol & Drug
- Crisis Diversion
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Counselor
- Empowerment Coach
- Marriage & Family Therapy/Licensed Marriage & Family Therapy
- Licensed Professional Counselor
- Substance Abuse Services-Alcohol & Drug
- Other Mental Health
- Christian Science Practitioner
- Registered Social Worker
- Social Worker-Marriage & Family
- Master of Social Work
- Addiction Medicine Specialist
- Audiologist
- Clinical Psychologist
- Clinical Social Worker
- Homeopathy
- Neuropsychologist
- Psychiatric Nurse Specialist
- Psychologist Social Worker
- Registered Nurse
- Surgical Assistant

The above professionals should review the CPT and HCPCS national code sets to select a more accurate code that describes the services they are providing.

**Services and Modifiers not Reimbursable to Healthcare Professionals Policy:**

**Note:** This change will not apply to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Medicaid products. It will apply to Medicare Dual Special Needs Plan (DSNP) products.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will not reimburse modifiers H9, HU-HZ, QJ or TR. The use of these modifiers indicates that a service has been funded by a county, state or federal agency; therefore, no cost has been incurred requiring reimbursement.

<b>Modifier</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>H9</b>	Court-ordered
<b>HU</b>	Funded by child welfare agency
<b>HV</b>	Funded state addictions agency
<b>HW</b>	Funded by state mental health agency
<b>HX</b>	Funded by county/local agency
<b>HY</b>	Funded by juvenile justice agency
<b>HZ</b>	Funded by criminal justice agency
<b>QJ</b>	Services/items provided to a prisoner or patient in state or local custody, however the state or local government, as applicable, meets the requirements in 42 CFR 411.4 (B)
<b>TR</b>	School-based individualized education program (IEP) services provided outside the public school district responsible for the student

**Vaccines for Children Policy:**

Per the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), code 90461 is not reimbursable for VFC services. In accordance with National CPT coding standards, when code 90461 is billed on the claim for informational purposes, it should be billed after the administration code for the primary procedure (i.e. 90460). Failure to bill the codes sequentially may result in a claim denial.

**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.