

# UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Louisiana Medical Policy Update Bulletin: May 2023

Access a policy listed below for complete details on the latest updates. A comprehensive summary of changes is provided at the bottom of every policy document for your reference. To view a detailed version of this bulletin, click [here](#).

## Medical Policy Updates

Policy Title	Status	Effective Date
Articular Cartilage Defect Repairs (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Jun. 1, 2023
Catheter Ablation for Atrial Fibrillation (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Jun. 1, 2023
Deep Brain and Cortical Stimulation (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Jun. 1, 2023
Electrical Stimulation for the Treatment of Pain and Muscle Rehabilitation (for Louisiana Only)	Updated	Jun. 1, 2023
Hearing Aids and Devices Including Wearable, Bone-Anchored and Semi-Implantable (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Jun. 1, 2023
Hepatitis Screening (for Louisiana Only)	Updated	May 1, 2023
Hysterectomy (for Louisiana Only)	New	Jun. 1, 2023
Implanted Electrical Stimulator for Spinal Cord (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Jun. 1, 2023
Intensity-Modulated Radiation Therapy (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Jun. 1, 2023
Mechanical Stretching Devices (for Louisiana Only)	Updated	Jun. 1, 2023
Neurophysiologic Testing and Monitoring (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Jun. 1, 2023
Oral and Enteral Nutrition (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Jun. 1, 2023
Pharmacogenetic Panel Testing (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Jun. 1, 2023
Proton Beam Radiation Therapy (for Louisiana Only)	New	Jun. 1, 2023
Sacral Nerve Stimulation for Urinary and Fecal Indications (for Louisiana Only)	New	Jun. 1, 2023
Skin and Soft Tissue Substitutes (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Jun. 1, 2023
Temporomandibular Joint Disorders (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Jun. 1, 2023
Total Artificial Disc Replacement for the Spine (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Jun. 1, 2023
Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (for Louisiana Only)	Updated	Jun. 1, 2023
Vagus and External Trigeminal Nerve Stimulation (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Jun. 1, 2023

## Medical Benefit Drug Policy Updates

Policy Title	Status	Effective Date
Botulinum Toxins A and B (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Jun. 1, 2023
Denosumab (Prolia® & Xgeva®) (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Jun. 1, 2023
Maximum Dosage and Frequency (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Jun. 1, 2023
Review at Launch for New to Market Medications (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Jun. 1, 2023
RNA-Targeted Therapies (Amvuttra® and Onpattro®) (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Jun. 1, 2023
Spevigo® (Spesolimab-Sbzo) (for Louisiana Only)	New	Jun. 1, 2023

Policy Title	Status	Effective Date
Tzielid™ (Teplizumab-Mzwv) (for Louisiana Only)	New	Jun. 1, 2023

## General Information

The inclusion of a health service (e.g., test, drug, device or procedure) in this bulletin indicates only that UnitedHealthcare is adopting a new policy and/or updated, revised, replaced or retired an existing policy; it does not imply that UnitedHealthcare provides coverage for the health service. Note that most benefit plan documents exclude from benefit coverage health services identified as investigational or unproven/not medically necessary. Physicians and other health care professionals may not seek or collect payment from a member for services not covered by the applicable benefit plan unless first obtaining the member's written consent, acknowledging that the service is not covered by the benefit plan and that they will be billed directly for the service.

**Note:** The absence of a policy does not automatically indicate or imply coverage. As always, coverage for a health service must be determined in accordance with the member's benefit plan and any applicable federal or state regulatory requirements. Additionally, UnitedHealthcare reserves the right to review the clinical evidence supporting the safety and effectiveness of a medical technology prior to rendering a coverage determination.

UnitedHealthcare respects the expertise of the physicians, health care professionals, and their staff who participate in our network. Our goal is to support you and your patients in making the most informed decisions regarding the choice of quality and cost-effective care, and to support practice staff with a simple and predictable administrative experience. The Medical Policy Update Bulletin was developed to share important information regarding UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Louisiana Medical Policy, Medical Benefit Drug Policy, Coverage Determination Guideline, and Utilization Review Guideline updates. When information in this bulletin conflicts with applicable state and/or federal law, UnitedHealthcare follows such applicable federal and/or state law.



The complete library of Medical Policies, Medical Benefit Drug Policies, Coverage Determination Guidelines, and Utilization Review Guidelines for UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Louisiana is available at [UHCprovider.com/LA](https://UHCprovider.com/LA) > Medicaid (Community Plan) > Current Policies and Clinical Guidelines > [UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Louisiana Medical & Drug Policies and Coverage Determination Guidelines](#).

## Policy Update Classifications

### *New*

New clinical coverage criteria have been adopted for a health service (e.g., test, drug, device or procedure)

### *Updated*

An existing policy has been reviewed and changes have not been made to the clinical coverage criteria; however, items such as the clinical evidence, FDA information, and/or list(s) of applicable codes may have been updated

### *Revised*

An existing policy has been reviewed and revisions have been made to the clinical coverage criteria

### *Replaced*

An existing policy has been replaced with a new or different policy

### *Retired*

The health service(s) addressed in the policy are no longer being managed or are considered to be proven/medically necessary and are therefore not excluded as unproven/not medically necessary services, unless coverage guidelines or criteria are otherwise documented in another policy