

UnitedHealthcare Oxford Policy Update Bulletin: July 2023

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Take Note

Quarterly CPT® and HCPCS Code Updates

Effective **Jul. 1, 2023**, all applicable Clinical Policies have been updated to reflect the quarterly Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code additions and revisions. Refer to the following sources for information on the code updates:

- [American Medical Association. Current Procedural Terminology: CPT®](#)
- [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System: HCPCS Quarterly Update](#)

For the list of impacted policies and corresponding details, click [here](#).

Clinical Policy Updates

Policy Title	Status	Effective Date
Abnormal Uterine Bleeding and Uterine Fibroids	Revised	Aug. 1, 2023
Ambulance Services	Updated	Aug. 1, 2023
Category III Codes	Revised	Aug. 1, 2023
Cell-Free Fetal DNA Testing	Revised	Aug. 1, 2023
Chromosome Microarray Testing (Non-Oncology Conditions)	Revised	Aug. 1, 2023
Cosmetic and Reconstructive Procedures	Revised	Aug. 1, 2023
Environmental Allergen Immunotherapy	Retired	Jul. 1, 2023
Epidural Steroid Injections for Spinal Pain	Revised	Aug. 1, 2023
Gender Dysphoria Treatment	Revised	Jul. 1, 2023
Genetic Testing for Hereditary Cancer	Updated	Sep. 1, 2023
Glaucoma Surgical Treatments	Revised	Sep. 1, 2023
Infertility Diagnosis, Treatment and Fertility Preservation	Updated	Sep. 1, 2023
Macular Degeneration Treatment Procedures	Revised	Aug. 1, 2023
Office-Based Procedures – Site of Service	Updated	Jul. 1, 2023
Outpatient Surgical Procedures – Site of Service	Updated	Jul. 1, 2023
Radiopharmaceuticals and Contrast Media	Revised	Aug. 1, 2023
Skin and Soft Tissue Substitutes	Revised	Sep. 1, 2023
Surgery of the Ankle	Updated	Aug. 1, 2023
Surgery of the Hand or Wrist	Updated	Sep. 1, 2023
Vitamin D Testing	Retired	Jul. 1, 2023

Administrative Policy Updates

Policy Title	Status	Effective Date
Accreditation Requirements for Radiology Services	Revised	Aug. 1, 2023

General Information

The inclusion of a health service (e.g., test, drug, device or procedure) in this bulletin indicates only that UnitedHealthcare Oxford® is adopting a new policy and/or updated, revised, replaced or retired an existing policy; it does not imply that UnitedHealthcare Oxford® 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 Oxford® reserves the right to review the clinical evidence supporting the safety and effectiveness of a medical technology prior to rendering a coverage determination.

UnitedHealthcare Oxford® 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 Policy Update Bulletin was developed to share important information regarding UnitedHealthcare Oxford® Clinical, Administrative, and Reimbursement Policy updates. When information in this bulletin conflicts with applicable state and/or federal law, UnitedHealthcare Oxford® follows such applicable federal and/or state law.

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



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