

UnitedHealthcare Commercial Reimbursement Policy Update Bulletin: November 2024

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Hospital Inclusive Review Reimbursement Policy, Facility *Additional Information*	December 1, 2024	<p>UnitedHealthcare on Sept. 1, 2024, announced a Hospital Inclusive Charges Policy, Facility that is in accordance with CMS' Provider Reimbursement Manual. This is a clarification of an existing process.</p> <p>UnitedHealthcare reviews claims to ensure they are properly coded and billed. This policy aims to provide guidelines on which items or services are not eligible for separate reimbursement during both inpatient and outpatient hospital visits.</p> <p>Certain categories of items and services are customarily included within the overall room and board or facility fee charge for an inpatient or outpatient visit, or otherwise bundled within services provided as part of the visit, and therefore are not considered separately reimbursable by UnitedHealthcare.</p> <p><u>Why did UnitedHealthcare publish this policy?</u> UnitedHealthcare introduced the Hospital Inclusive Charges Policy to provide greater transparency into our process regarding items associated with certain inpatient and outpatient stays that aren't considered separately reimbursable. These items are already included within the room and board reimbursement or the reimbursement for an underlying procedure, as applicable.</p> <p><u>What should facilities expect to see differently?</u> Facilities already receive documentation requests to ensure reimbursements comply with policy requirements as part of our standard process. This will provide greater transparency into that process, which is used today in reviews and audits of claims paid on a percent of charge basis such as itemized bill reviews and hospital bill audits.</p>
Radiation Therapy – Dosimetry, Simulation/Devices and Management Policy, Professional and Facility	February 1, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2025, UnitedHealthcare will implement the new Radiation Therapy - Dosimetry, Simulation/Devices and Management Policy, Professional and Facility. Radiation therapy dosimetry, simulation, and management services, identified with select CPT® codes, will have unit limitations during a 90-day episode of care, as noted below. Units billed in excess of the reimbursable units will not be considered for reimbursement.

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CCI Editing Policy, Professional and Outpatient Hospital CCI Editing Policy, Facility	February 1, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective for dates of service on or after Feb 1, 2025, UnitedHealthcare will align with The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) by enhancing the existing CCI Editing Policy, Professional and Outpatient Hospital CCI Editing Policy, Facility to support claim line denials when there are two shoulder arthroscopic procedures performed on the same shoulder. • In accordance with the CMS National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) CPT codes 29805-29828 Procedure to Procedure (PTP) edit, code pairs consisting of two codes describing two shoulder arthroscopy procedures performed on the same shoulder will not be considered for separate reimbursement regardless if the code is appended with an NCCI PTP associated modifier. This includes the use of modifier 59. • PTP edit code pairs will be considered for separate reimbursement performed on opposite shoulders and when appended with an appropriate NCCI PTP associated modifier. • There are three exceptions (which are described in Chapter IV, Section E (Arthroscopy), Subsection 7 of the NCCI manual. The following CPT codes will be considered for separate reimbursement when submitted in addition to code 29823 if extensive debridement is completed in a different area of the same shoulder.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 29824 (Arthroscopy, shoulder, surgical; distal claviclectomy including distal articular surface (Mumford procedure) ○ 29827 (Arthroscopy, shoulder, surgical; with rotator cuff repair) ○ 29828 (Arthroscopy, shoulder, surgical; biceps tenodesis)
Code Updates		
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Reimbursement Policy Code Updates – Multiple Policies	N/A	<p>In response to provider feedback and in an effort to provide more transparency, UnitedHealthcare is providing additional information regarding code updates that impact reimbursement policies. These updates are not changing the intent or the coding requirements of the policy, but reflect changes made to industry standard code sets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following UnitedHealthcare policies have recently been updated to include code changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add-On Codes, Professional • Ambulance Services, Professional • Bilateral Procedures, Professional • Contrast & Radiopharmaceutical Materials, Professional • Device, Implant, and Skin Substitute Policy, Facility • Drug Testing Reimbursement Policy, Professional • From - To Date, Professional • Maximum Frequency per Day CPT, Professional • Outpatient Hospital Add-On Codes, Facility • Outpatient Hospital Observation Policy, Facility • Supply Policy, Professional • Information regarding these code updates can be found in the history section which is located at the end of the posted policy. • Code sections/lists/tables within a policy may not be comprehensive but may be provided as examples. Please review the full policy to understand applicability. • Code updates could include, for example, CPT, HCPCS, ICD-10, Modifiers, Revenue Codes, or other industry standard code sets. • UnitedHealthcare routinely updates its reimbursement policies in response to code updates made by, for example, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the American Medical Association (AMA), and the World Health Organization (WHO). This information is provided as a courtesy and may not include all code updates.

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.



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