

# UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Louisiana Medical Policy Update Bulletin: March 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](#).

## Take Note

### Quarterly CPT® and HCPCS Code Updates

Beginning Apr. 1, 2023, all applicable Medical Policies, Medical Benefit Drug Policies, and Coverage Determination Guidelines will be updated to reflect the quarterly Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code additions, revisions, and deletions. 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 Level II](#)

Complete details on impacted policies and corresponding code edits will be provided in the April 2023 edition of the Medical Policy Update Bulletin.

## Medical Policy Updates

Policy Title	Status	Effective Date
Airway Clearance Devices (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Apr. 1, 2023
Bariatric Surgery (for Louisiana Only)	Updated	Apr. 1, 2023
Cardiovascular Disease Risk Tests (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Apr. 1, 2023
Chemotherapy Observation or Inpatient Hospitalization (for Louisiana Only)	Updated	Apr. 1, 2023
Continuous Glucose Monitoring and Insulin Delivery for Managing Diabetes (for Louisiana Only)	Updated	Apr. 1, 2023
Genetic Testing for Hereditary Cancer (for Louisiana Only)	Updated	Apr. 1, 2023
Glaucoma Surgical Treatments (for Louisiana Only)	Updated	Mar. 1, 2023
Obstructive and Central Sleep Apnea Treatment (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Apr. 1, 2023
Prostate Surgeries and Interventions (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Mar. 1, 2023
Sensory Integration Therapy and Auditory Integration Training (for Louisiana Only)	Retired	Mar. 1, 2023
Skin Substitutes for Chronic Diabetic Lower Extremity Ulcers (for Louisiana Only)	Updated	May 1, 2023
Surgical Treatment of Lymphedema (for Louisiana Only)	New	Apr. 1, 2023
Thermography (for Louisiana Only)	Updated	Apr. 1, 2023

## Medical Benefit Drug Policy Updates

Policy Title	Status	Effective Date
Maximum Dosage and Frequency (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Apr. 1, 2023
RNA-Targeted Therapies (Ampvuttra™ and Onpattro®) (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Apr. 1, 2023
Testosterone Replacement or Supplementation Therapy (for Louisiana Only)	Updated	Mar. 1, 2023

# Coverage Determination Guideline Updates

Policy Title	Status	Effective Date
Ambulance Services (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Apr. 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.

## 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



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](#).