

# UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Louisiana Medical Policy Update Bulletin: March 2024

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
Abnormal Uterine Bleeding and Uterine Fibroids (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Apr. 1, 2024
Apheresis (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Apr. 1, 2024
Bariatric Surgery (for Louisiana Only)	Updated	May 1, 2024
Deep Brain and Cortical Stimulation (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Apr. 1, 2024
Neurophysiologic Testing and Monitoring (for Louisiana Only)	Updated	Mar. 1, 2024
Obstructive and Central Sleep Apnea Treatment (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Apr. 1, 2024
Pharmacogenetic Panel Testing (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Apr. 1, 2024
Radiation Therapy: Fractionation, Image-Guidance, and Special Services (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Apr. 1, 2024
Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy and Stereotactic Radiosurgery (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Apr. 1, 2024
Total Artificial Disc Replacement for the Spine (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Apr. 1, 2024
Treatment of Temporomandibular Joint Disorders (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Apr. 1, 2024
Vagus and External Trigeminal Nerve Stimulation (for Louisiana Only)	Updated	Mar. 1, 2024
Visual Information Processing Evaluation and Orthoptic and Vision Therapy (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Apr. 1, 2024

## Medical Benefit Drug Policy Updates

Policy Title	Status	Effective Date
Amondys 45° (Casimersen) (for Louisiana Only)	Retired	Mar. 1, 2024
Botulinum Toxins A and B (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Apr. 1, 2024
Denosumab (Prolia® & Xgeva®) (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Apr. 1, 2024
Intracanalicular and Intravitreal Corticosteroid Implants (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Apr. 1, 2024
Krystexxa® (Pegloticase) (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Apr. 1, 2024
Neonatal Fc Receptor Blockers (Vyvgart®, Vyvgart® Hytrulo, & Rystiggo®) (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Apr. 1, 2024
Oxlumo® (Lumasiran) (for Louisiana Only)	Retired	Mar. 1, 2024
Reblozyl® (Luspatercept-Aamt) (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Apr. 1, 2024
Spevigo® (Spesolimab-Sbzo) (for Louisiana Only)	Retired	Mar. 1, 2024
Testosterone Replacement or Supplementation Therapy (for Louisiana Only)	Revised	Apr. 1, 2024

## 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 changes to our Community Plan of Louisiana Medical Policies and Medical Benefit Drug Policies. 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



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