

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Ohio Medical Policy Update Bulletin Quick View: December 2024



A list of recently approved, revised, and/or retired Medical Policies and/or Medical Benefit Drug Policies is provided below for your reference. **For a comprehensive summary of the latest updates, refer to the [Medical Policy Update Bulletin: December 2024](#).**

Medical Policy Updates

Policy Title	Status	Effective Date
Abnormal Uterine Bleeding and Uterine Fibroids (for Ohio Only)	Updated	Jan. 1, 2025
Apheresis (for Ohio Only)	Updated	Jan. 1, 2025
Cell-Free Fetal DNA Testing (for Ohio Only)	Updated	Jan. 1, 2025
Chromosome Microarray Testing (Non-Oncology Conditions) (for Ohio Only)	Updated	Jan. 1, 2025
Core Decompression for Avascular Necrosis (for Ohio Only)	Updated	Jan. 1, 2025
Durable Medical Equipment, Orthotics, Medical Supplies, and Repairs/Replacements (for Ohio Only)	Revised	Feb. 1, 2025
Electrical and Ultrasound Bone Growth Stimulators (for Ohio Only)	Updated	Jan. 1, 2025
Epiduroscopy, Epidural Lysis of Adhesions, and Discography (for Ohio Only)	Updated	Jan. 1, 2025
Lithotripsy for Salivary Stones (for Ohio Only)	Updated	Jan. 1, 2025
Lower Extremity Endovascular Procedures (for Ohio Only)	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025
Molecular Oncology Testing for Hematologic Cancer Diagnosis, Prognosis, and Treatment Decisions (for Ohio Only)	Updated	Jan. 1, 2025
Molecular Oncology Testing for Solid Tumor Cancer Diagnosis, Prognosis, and Treatment Decisions (for Ohio Only)	Updated	Jan. 1, 2025
Obstructive and Central Sleep Apnea Treatment (for Ohio Only)	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025
Plagiocephaly and Craniosynostosis Treatment (for Ohio Only)	Updated	Jan. 1, 2025
Preimplantation Genetic Testing and Related Services (for Ohio Only)	Updated	Jan. 1, 2025
Prolotherapy and Platelet Rich Plasma Therapies (for Ohio Only)	Updated	Feb. 1, 2025
Skin and Soft Tissue Substitutes (for Ohio Only)	Updated	Feb. 1, 2025
Sleep Studies (for Ohio Only)	Revised	Feb. 1, 2025
Surgery of the Elbow (for Ohio Only)	Updated	Jan. 1, 2025
Surgery of the Shoulder (for Ohio Only)	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025
Unicondylar Spacer Devices for Treatment of Pain or Disability (for Ohio Only)	Updated	Jan. 1, 2025
Video Electroencephalographic (vEEG) Monitoring and Recording (for Ohio Only)	Updated	Jan. 1, 2025

Medical Benefit Drug Policy Updates

Policy Title	Status	Effective Date
Benlysta® (Belimumab) (for Ohio Only)	Updated	Jan. 1, 2025
Complement Inhibitors (PiaSky®, Soliris®, & Ultomiris®) (for Ohio Only)	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025

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Evenity® (Romosozumab-Aqqg) (for Ohio Only)	Updated	Jan. 1, 2025
Hereditary Angioedema (HAE), Treatment and Prophylaxis (for Ohio Only)	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025
Ilaris® (Canakinumab) (for Ohio Only)	Updated	Jan. 1, 2025
Krystexxa® (Pegloticase) (for Ohio Only)	Updated	Jan. 1, 2025
Luxturna® (Voretigene Neparvovec-Rzyl) (for Ohio Only)	Updated	Jan. 1, 2025
Maximum Dosage and Frequency (for Ohio Only)	Updated	Jan. 1, 2025
Monoclonal Antibodies Directed Against Amyloid for the Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease (for Ohio Only)	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025
Testosterone Replacement or Supplementation Therapy (for Ohio Only)	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025
Tezspire® (Tezepelumab-Ekko) (for Ohio Only)	Revised	Jan. 1, 2025

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 Ohio 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



The complete library of UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Ohio Medical Policies and Medical Benefit Drug Policies is available at UHCprovider.com/OH > Community Plan (Medicaid) > Current Policies and Clinical Guidelines > [Medical & Drug Policies](#).