

Premium Specialty: Pulmonology

Patient Annual Cost

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There are two methods used to determine if costs from an eligible treatment episode are included. The method used depends on the condition and the physician's specialty.

• **Always Include:** Include regardless of the attributed physician's level of involvement in the treatment of the patient's condition

• **Include if Involved:** Include if the attributed physician is responsible for at least 50% of the costs

Condition	Always Include	Include if Involved
Acute Bronchitis		X
Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome	X	
Allergic Rhinitis		X
Allergic Rhinitis, with Endoscopic Intervention		X
Allergic Rhinitis, with Surgery		X
Asthma*	X	
Autoimmune Rheumatologic Diseases, except Lupus*		X
Bacterial Lung Infections	X	
Cardiomyopathy		X
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease*	X	
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, with Endoscopic Intervention*	X	
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, with Surgery*	X	
Chronic Renal Failure		X
Chronic Sinusitis		X
Chronic Sinusitis, with Endoscopic Intervention		X
Chronic Sinusitis, with Surgery		X
Conditional Exam		X
Congestive Heart Failure		X
Congestive Heart Failure, with Surgery (other than CABG or Valve)		X
Cystic Fibrosis*	X	
Embolism and Thrombosis of Veins*		X
Embolism and Thrombosis of Veins, with Percutaneous Intervention*		X
Fungal and Other Pneumonia*	X	
Heart Failure, Diastolic		X
Heart Failure, Diastolic, with Surgery (other than CABG or Valve)		X
Hypertension		X
Inflammation of Esophagus		X

Condition	Always Include	Include if Involved
Inflammation of Esophagus, with Endoscopic Intervention		X
Inflammation of Esophagus, with Surgery		X
Ischemic Heart Disease		X
Ischemic Heart Disease, with Angioplasty		X
Ischemic Heart Disease, with Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting		X
Malignant Neoplasm of Pulmonary System	X	
Malignant Neoplasm of Pulmonary System, with Endoscopic Intervention	X	
Malignant Neoplasm of Pulmonary System, with Percutaneous Intervention	X	
Malignant Neoplasm of Pulmonary System, with Surgery	X	
Non-Malignant Neoplasm of Pulmonary System	X	
Non-Malignant Neoplasm of Pulmonary System, with Endoscopic Intervention	X	
Non-Malignant Neoplasm of Pulmonary System, with Surgery	X	
Nutritional Deficiency		X
Obesity		X
Obesity, with Surgery		X
Obstructive Sleep Apnea	X	
Obstructive Sleep Apnea, with Endoscopic Intervention	X	
Obstructive Sleep Apnea, with Surgery	X	
Occupational and Environmental Pulmonary Diseases	X	
Occupational and Environmental Pulmonary Diseases, with Endoscopic Intervention	X	
Occupational and Environmental Pulmonary Diseases, with Surgery	X	
Other Disorders of Ear/Nose/Throat		X
Other Disorders of Ear/Nose/Throat, with Endoscopic Intervention		X
Other Disorders of Ear/Nose/Throat, with Surgery		X
Other Drug Dependence		X
Other Infectious Diseases		X
Other Inflammatory Lung Diseases*	X	
Other Inflammatory Lung Diseases, with Endoscopic Intervention*	X	
Other Inflammatory Lung Diseases, with Surgery*	X	
Other Pulmonary Disorders		X
Other Pulmonary Disorders, with Endoscopic Intervention		X
Other Pulmonary Disorders, with Surgery		X
Other Sleep Disorders*		X
Other Sleep Disorders, with Surgery*		X
Pulmonary Embolism*		X

Condition	Always Include	Include if Involved
Pulmonary Heart Disease*		X
Pulmonary Heart Disease, with Surgery (other than CABG or Valve)*		X
Pulmonary Tuberculosis*	X	
Pulmonary Tuberculosis, with Endoscopic Intervention*	X	
Pulmonary Tuberculosis, with Surgery*	X	
Pulmonology Diseases Signs and Symptoms	X	
Routine Exam		X
Viral Pneumonia		X

*Episodes for these conditions are excluded for patients whose pharmacy cost data is not available.

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A Premium Care Physician designation does not guarantee the quality, or the outcome of any health care services members receive. The fact that a physician does not have a Premium Care Physician designation does not mean the physician does not provide quality health care services.

All physicians in the UnitedHealthcare Network have met certain minimum credentialing requirements. Regardless of whether a physician has received a Premium Care Physician designation, members have access to all physicians in the UnitedHealthcare Network as described in the member's benefit plan.

There are various reasons why a physician may not be designated as a Premium Care Physician. A physician may not receive a designation because that physician has not been evaluated. This occurs when a physician does not practice in a specialty or market that is evaluated by Premium, or the physician's evaluation is in process. This also occurs when there are not enough measures, patients, and or episodes attributed to the physician for evaluation. This is not an indicator of the total number of patients treated by the physician, or the number of procedures performed by the physician.

UnitedHealthcare informs members that designations are intended only as a guide when choosing a physician and should not be the sole factor in selecting a physician. Members are encouraged to discuss designations with a physician before choosing them or consult with their current physician(s) for advice on selecting other physicians.

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