

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Reimbursement Policy Update Bulletin: January 2024

New			
Policy title	State(s)	Policy summary	Effective date
Diagnosis Code Requirement Policy, Professional and Facility	Colorado District of Columbia Florida Hawaii Maryland Massachusetts Michigan Minnesota Missouri Nevada New York North Carolina Ohio Pennsylvania Rhode Island Virginia Washington Wisconsin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective with dates of service May 1, 2024, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will introduce a comprehensive Diagnosis Code Requirement Policy for both Professional and Facility services. This new policy will integrate the existing ICD-10-CM guidelines covered by the Outpatient Hospital Inappropriate Primary Diagnosis Codes Policy, Facility, and the Inappropriate Primary Diagnosis Codes Policy, Professional. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Additionally, the policy will address the Excludes 1 coding within the ICD-10 CM framework. Excludes 1 guidelines denote mutually exclusive codes, representing two conditions that cannot be reported together – such as a congenital form verses an acquired form of the same condition. All providers should align to coding with the Excludes 1 guidelines when submitting claims; however, at this time the application of these guidelines is specifically for Inpatient Claims. • Providers are expected to accurately submit diagnosis codes in alignment with ICD-10-CM requirements. 	May 1, 2024

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Published reimbursement policies are intended to ensure reimbursement based on the code or codes that correctly describe the health care services provided. UnitedHealthcare reimbursement policies may use Current Procedural Terminology (CPT^{®*}), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) or other coding guidelines. References to CPT or other sources are for definitional purposes only and do not imply any right to reimbursement.

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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