

# New Cesarean Delivery Reimbursement Policy

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will implement a new Cesarean Delivery Policy for claims with dates of services on or after Feb. 1, 2019. The policy will reduce reimbursement for cesarean deliveries performed for claims that do not have a supporting diagnosis code.

Claims submitted with a cesarean procedure code must have one of these diagnosis codes or it will be paid at a 20 percent reduction of the allowable amount. Cesarean procedure codes include 59510, 59514, 59515, 59618, 59620 and 59622.

For this policy, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will use the ICD-10 diagnosis codes list defined by the Joint Commission National Quality Measures that supports cesarean deliveries. We'll supplement this list with additional diagnosis codes, which will be accessible in the policy at publication. The Joint Commission National Quality Measures diagnosis list is available at [manual.jointcommission.org/releases/TJC2015B/AppendixATJC.html](http://manual.jointcommission.org/releases/TJC2015B/AppendixATJC.html).

This policy applies to claims submitted on both paper form CMS-1500 and Electronic Data Interface (EDI) transaction 837P claim files. To read the policy, please visit [UHCprovider.com](http://UHCprovider.com) > Menu > Policies and Protocol > Community Plan Policies > Reimbursement Policies for Community plan > (click on your state) > Reimbursement Policies.

## Notes About Reimbursement Policies

As with all UnitedHealthcare Community Plan policies, other factors affecting reimbursement may supplement, modify or in some cases supersede this policy. These factors include but are not limited to federal and/or state regulatory requirements, physician or other provider contracts, and/or the member's benefit coverage documents. Unless otherwise noted, these reimbursement policies apply to services reported using the CMS-1500 or its electronic equivalent, or its successor form. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan reimbursement policies don't address all issues related to reimbursement for services rendered to our members, such as the member's benefit plan documents, our medical policies and the UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Administrative Guide or Care Provider Manual. Meeting the terms of a particular reimbursement policy is not a guarantee of payment. Likewise, retirement of a reimbursement policy affects only those system edits associated with the specific policy being retired. Retirement of a reimbursement policy is not a guarantee of payment. Other applicable reimbursement and medical policies and claims edits will continue to apply.

If there's an inconsistency or conflict between the information in this provider notification and the posted policy, the provisions of the posted reimbursement policy prevail. If you have any questions, please contact your health plan representative or call the number on your Provider Remittance Advice/Explanation of Benefits.

## We're Here to Help

If you have questions, please call Provider Services at the number listed on the back of the member's ID card. Thank you.