

Claims Clarification: Billing for Certain Vitamins and Minerals for Members Ages 20 and Younger



UnitedHealthcare Community Plan in Texas is sharing this information from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission so you know what is required when billing for services and can better understand Texas Medicaid procedures. Here's what's needed when a pharmacy submits a claim for certain vitamins and minerals.

Medicaid Comprehensive Care Program – Vitamins and Minerals

We cover certain vitamins and minerals prescribed for Medicaid Comprehensive Care Program members ages 20 and younger. To be covered, the vitamins and minerals need to be prescribed for the treatments or conditions listed in the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual (TMPPM).

If a claim for vitamins and minerals is denied for not meeting the conditions or treatments listed in the TMPPM, you may submit an appeal with documents that support the medical need.

For more information about covered vitamins and minerals, go to tmhp.com > Providers > Medicaid Provider Manual > Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual > [Durable Medical Equipment, Medical Supplies, and Nutritional Products Handbook](#) > 2.2.26 Vitamin and Mineral Products.

You must dispense the most cost-effective product prescribed by a licensed physician. Organic products will not be reimbursed unless medical documentation is provided to substantiate the need for that formulation.

Action Needed: Enroll as a DME Provider

For claims to be paid, a pharmacy must be enrolled as a durable medical equipment (DME) provider. Medical claims must also be submitted using the proper procedure codes and state-identified modifiers listed in the table below. In addition, the corresponding National Drug Code (NDC) must be submitted. Claims will be denied if proper medical codes are not used.

To participate as a DME provider, complete the Texas Medicaid and Healthcare Partnership enrollment application available at tmhp.com. For assistance, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126 or [email TMHP Provider Relations](#) to request assistance from the local TMHP provider relations representative in your area.

In addition to enrolling through TMHP, you must also call UnitedHealthcare Community Plan at **866-574-6088** to amend your contract as a DME provider.

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Procedure Codes and Modifiers:

Vitamin or Mineral	Procedure Code	State-Identified Modifier
Beta-carotene	A9152	U1
Vitamin A (retinol)	A9152	U1
Biotin	A9152	U2
Boric Acid	A9152	U3
Copper	A9152	U3
Iodine	A9152	U3
Phosphorus	A9152	U3
Zinc	A9152	U3
Calcium	A9152	U4
Chloride	A9152	U5
Iron	A9152	U6
Magnesium	A9152	U7
Vitamin B1 (thiamin)	A9152	U8
Vitamin B2 (riboflavin)	A9152	U8
Vitamin B3 (niacin)	A9152	U8
Vitamin B5 (pantothenic acid)	A9152	U8
Vitamin B6 (pyridoxine, pyridoxal 5- phosphate)	A9152	U8
Vitamin B9 (folic acid)	A9152	U8
Vitamin b12 (cyanocobalamin)	A9152	U8
Vitamin C (ascorbic acid)	A9152	U9
Vitamin D (ergocalciferol)	A9152	UA
Vitamin E (tocopherols)	A9152	UB
Vitamin K (phytonadione)	A9152	UC
Mutliminerals	A9153	U1
Multivitamins	A9153	U2
Trace elements	A9153	U3
Miscellaneous	A9152 or A9153	UD

We're Here to Help

For information on submitting UnitedHealthcare Community Plan medical claims, go to UHCprovider.com/claims.

If you have questions, please contact your Provider Advocate or call Provider Services at **888-887-9003**, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Central Time, Monday – Friday. Thank you.

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