

Provider Bulletin



News and Information

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New Medicare Products to Offer Supplemental Coverage for Nebulizer and Pulse Oximeters

UCare will launch new Medicare Advantage products effective Jan. 1, 2021. Two of these new products, [UCare Advocate Choice](#) and [UCare Advocate Plus](#) include **supplemental coverage for nebulizer and pulse oximeters** that are different from standard Medicare coverage of these items.

For the UCare Advocate plans, UCare will provide supplemental nebulizer and pulse oximeter coverage for members with COPD or Congestive Heart Failure. There is **no authorization or prior face-to-face visit required** for this coverage, but the provider must include a diagnosis code for these conditions when billing.

UCare Advocate plan members have a care coordinator employed by Genevive. This care coordinator will assess the member, determine and document that there is a qualifying diagnosis before submitting the order for the item. The order will include the diagnosis code to include on the claim. Since this coverage is connected to a specific condition, the claim will be denied if one of the diagnosis codes that follows is not on the claim.

Supplemental Coverage Benefits

Benefit	Cost Sharing	Covered Codes	Coverage Limits	Note
Nebulizer for COPD or CHF	UCare Advocate Choice and UCare Advocate Plus: \$0 Nebulizer – 1/year	Nebulizer codes: E0565, E0570, E0572, E0574, E0575, E0585, K0730 Supply codes: A7003, A7004, A7005	Nebulizer: 1 per 2 years Supplies: (tubing, delivery supplies) Up to 5 supply replacements per year.	Genevive Care Coordinator will be determining/identifying when a member has qualifying condition so no prior authorization or face-to-face provider visit required. Correct diagnosis code is required for payment – care coordinator will provide.

Pulse Oximeter for COPD or CHF	UCare Advocate Plus: \$10 copay UCare Advocate Choice: \$20 copay	E0445 – Oximeter device A4606 – Oxygen probe for use with oximeter device, replacement	Nebulizer: 1 per 2 years Supplies: Up to 5 supply replacements per year	Genevive Care Coordinator will be determining/identifying when a member has qualifying condition so no prior authorization or face-to-face provider visit required. Correct diagnosis code is required for payment – care coordinator will provide.
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Diagnosis codes for COPD or Congestive Heart Failure (Care Coordinator will provide the code that you must submit on the claim to be paid.)

COPD CODES	DESCRIPTION
J44.0	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with (acute) lower respiratory infection
J44.1	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with (acute) exacerbation
J44.9	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, unspecified
CHF CODES	DESCRIPTION
I50.20	Unspecified systolic (congestive) heart failure
I50.21	Acute systolic (congestive) heart failure
I50.22	Chronic systolic (congestive) heart failure
I50.23	Acute on chronic systolic (congestive) heart failure
I50.30	Unspecified diastolic (congestive) heart failure
I50.31	Acute diastolic (congestive) heart failure
I50.32	Chronic diastolic (congestive) heart failure
I50.33	Acute on chronic diastolic (congestive) heart failure
I50.40	Unspecified combined systolic (congestive) and diastolic (congestive) heart failure
I50.41	Acute combined systolic (congestive) and diastolic (congestive) heart failure
I50.42	Chronic combined systolic (congestive) and diastolic (congestive) heart failure
I50.43	Acute on chronic combined systolic (congestive) and diastolic (congestive) heart failure
I50.814	Right heart failure due to left heart failure
I50.9	Heart failure, unspecified

Questions

If you have further questions, please call UCare’s Provider Assistance Center at 612-676-3300 or 1-888-531-1493 (toll free), Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm.