Provider Bulletin

News and Information

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2021 Code and Editing Updates

New codes that have been identified for 2021 will be accepted into the UCare system as of the effective dates but are subject to the editing update and implementation dates.

As a reminder, UCare uses multiple automated claims editing and pricing applications to ensure consistent and accurate processing of claims. Please allow time for the updates to be put into production to avoid resubmissions/adjustments/incorrect editing of the claims. Update and implementation dates vary. Please see UCare's Provider Manual, Claims Chapter, for additional information.

Claims Editing System™ (CES)

Effective Jan. 1, 2021, UCare will use version 5.4 of the Claims Edit System (CES) for its Minnesota Health Care Program Products and its Special Needs Plans. These plans include:

- Prepaid Medical Assistance Program
- MSC+
- UCare Connect
- MinnesotaCare
- UCare Connect Plus Medicare and
- MSHO

As a reminder, UCare already uses version 5.4 of CES to adjudicate claims for members in the following products and will continue to do so in 2021:

- UCare Individual & Family Plans
- UCare Individual & Family Plans with M Health Fairview
- UCare Medicare Plans
- EssentiaCare
- UCare Medicare Plans with M Health Fairview and North Memorial Health

This change will ensure more aligned editing among all UCare products. With the change, providers may experience a different editing pattern for Minnesota Health Care Program Products and Special Needs Plans (e.g., some new facility edits, greater consistency across facility and professional claims on similar types of edits, etc.).

Prospective Payment System™ (PPS)

UCare will continue with all the current pricing edits.