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Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Medicare Claims Processing Edits

In July of 2020, UCare put a temporary suspension on certain claims processing edits for the following products: UCare Medicare Plans, UCare Medicare with M Health Fairview & North Memorial, and EssentiaCare. This suspension was put in place while UCare worked through system enhancements. Please see the July [Provider Bulletin](#) for additional details.

Effective for Medicare claims **processed after** Jan. 1, 2021, UCare will be reinstating certain claims processing edits that were temporarily suspended in July 2020.

- UCare will reinstate edits that were temporarily suspended from July 2020 – December 2020 for Medicare members claims for Part B medical, drug and durable medical equipment (DME) services.
- The reinstated edits will impact any claims **processed after** Jan. 1, 2021. These edits are driven by **process date**, not date of service.
- This includes new claims, reprocessed claims, replacement claims, adjusted claims and/or void/reinstated claims.
- During the edit suspension period (July 2020 – December 2020), UCare paid claims for covered services for our Medicare members without applying certain edits.
- Effective Jan. 1, 2021, claims for covered services that may have previously paid during the suspension may now result in denials of claims with the reinstatement of these claims edits.
- UCare expects all providers to continue to bill covered services following Medicare guidelines and that medical necessity criteria are met for all services delivered and billed.
- UCare will not proactively reprocess/recoup claims processed during this suspension period; however, UCare reserves the right to retroactively audit services for medical necessity and recoup payment for those services that did not meet criteria.