

HealthEast Medical Laboratory (HML)

Billing Change Notification - United Healthcare Network Bulletin Effective June 1, 2018

United Health Care will be making the following change to their network on or after effective June 1, 2018. This is memo notification is “for your information”.

Please plan accordingly to make any necessary adjustments to your billing system related to the UHC Network change.

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Revision to Laboratory Services Policy

The Laboratory Services Policy describes reimbursement rules for duplicate laboratory services by the same or multiple physicians or other health care professionals. The current policy allows for either the referring physician/other health care professional or the reference laboratory to report laboratory services.

For dates of service on or after June 1, 2018, only reference laboratories reporting laboratory services appended with modifier 90 will be eligible for reimbursement. Non-reference laboratory physicians or other health care professionals that report laboratory services with modifier 90 will no longer be reimbursed. This policy enhancement will align with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines that only allow reimbursement of laboratory services to the reference laboratory for referred laboratory services. Reference laboratories may refer to another laboratory and will continue to be reimbursed when the reported laboratory services are appended with modifier 90. Physicians or other health care professionals who own lab equipment and perform laboratory testing will continue to be reimbursed, as modifier 90 would not be appended to the procedure code for the laboratory service. To help ensure appropriate claims adjudication, please confirm that your care provider information in the Network Data Base is accurate.

Any provider reporting laboratory services must follow CLIA certification requirements. Lab certification must support the lab code reported. Please refer to the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA) policy for claim submission guidelines. This announcement pertains to reimbursement policies for services reported using the 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form (CMS-1500) or its electronic equivalent or its successor form.

<https://www.uhcprovider.com/content/dam/provider/docs/public/resources/news/2018/network-bulletin/March-Interactive-Network-Bulletin-2018.pdf>

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