

## UnitedHealthcare Commercial Reimbursement Policy Update Bulletin: April 2022

New		
Policy Title	Effective Date	Policy Summary
Breast Reconstruction Free Flap Procedure Policy, Professional	July 1, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The new Breast Reconstruction Free Flap Procedure Policy, Professional, will be effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2022.</li> <li>The American Medical Association (AMA) has identified CPT code 19364 as the appropriate code for breast reconstruction with free flap procedures, regardless of the free flap technique used. UnitedHealthcare will no longer reimburse HCPCS codes S2066, S2067 and S2068 as all procedures reimbursable under each of those S codes are reimbursable under CPT code 19364.</li> <li>Depending on how the procedure is performed, CPT code 19364 may be billed with certain modifiers. Applicable modifiers for CPT code 19364 may include, but are not limited to: 50, LT, RT, AS, 80, 81, 82, 22.</li> <li>Effective July 1, 2022, please refer to the Breast Reconstruction Post Mastectomy and Poland Syndrome Coverage Determination Guideline for additional information on coverage of CPT code 19364.</li> <li>Services coverable under CPT code 19364 require prior authorization.</li> <li>This policy will not be effective in Colorado until August 1, 2022.</li> <li>This policy will not be effective in New York until a date to be determined.</li> </ul>

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Policy Title	Effective Date	Policy Summary
Modifier Policy, Facility	October 1, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new Modifier Policy, Facility, will be effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2022.</li> <li>• In accordance with CMS, UnitedHealthcare (UHC) will reduce allowed amount when the following modifiers are submitted on an outpatient facility claim line. These modifiers are appended indicating a reduced service or different equipment used for the service.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Modifiers 52 and 73 will result in a 50% reduction.</li> <li>○ Modifier CT will result in a 15% reduction.</li> <li>○ Modifier FX will result in a 7% reduction for dates of service in 2022 and a 10% reduction beginning January 1, 2023.</li> <li>○ Modifier FY will result in a 7% reduction for dates of service in 2022 and a 10% reduction beginning January 1, 2023.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• In alignment with the American Medical Association (AMA) modifier 53 should not be appended to a claim line on a UB04 facility claim. Therefore, UHC will deny the claim reported with modifier 53 on outpatient facility claims.</li> <li>• Modifier 74 is an appropriate modifier to be submitted on a facility claims. This modifier will be considered informational as there will not be a reduction in reimbursement applied.</li> </ul>
Revised		
Policy Title	Effective Date	Summary of Changes
Breast Reconstruction Free Flap Procedure Policy, Facility	Postponed, until further notice	<p>In response to concerns raised regarding the deployment date of the Breast Reconstruction Free Flap Reimbursement Policy, UHC is postponing implementation of the policy until further notice.</p> <p>The new effective date will be communicated prior to deployment.</p>



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Policy Title	Effective Date	Policy Summary
Breast Reconstruction Free Flap Procedure Policy, Professional and Facility	Postponed until further notice	In response to concerns raised regarding the deployment date of the Breast Reconstruction Free Flap Reimbursement Policy, UHC decided to postpone implementation of the policy until further notice. The notification applied to both professional and facility providers.  The new effective date will be communicated prior to deployment.

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