

## Hearing Aid Benefit – UHC PPO Plan - Management

The UHC PPO Plan covers hearing aids required for the correction of a hearing impairment (a reduction in the ability to perceive sound which may range from slight to complete deafness). Hearing aids are electronic amplifying devices designed to bring sound more effectively into the ear. A hearing aid consists of a microphone, amplifier and receiver.

Covered services are available for a hearing aid that is purchased as a result of a written recommendation by a Physician and include the hearing aid and charges for associated fitting and testing. The Plan covers a single purchase (including repair and/or replacement) of hearing aids for one or both ears once every three years.

Bone anchored hearing aids are covered for the following:

- Craniofacial anomalies whose abnormal or absent ear canals preclude the use of a wearable hearing aid; or
- Hearing loss of sufficient severity that it would not be adequately remedied by a wearable hearing aid.

If you meet the criteria for a bone anchored hearing aid:

- Coverage is provided for one hearing aid per ear during the entire period of time that you are enrolled under this Plan.

We recommend your physician submit a pre-determination of benefits to UnitedHealthcare prior to ordering the hearing aids. The physician will then know what reimbursement to expect.

There is a \$40 copay for each in-network physician visit. If you use out-of-network physicians, you will need to meet your deductible and the plan will then cover 80% of the reasonable & customary fee.

**Questions: Call UnitedHealthcare at 866-633-2446.**