

UnitedHealth Premium[®] Designation Program

Physician designation update on Jan. 7, 2015



Depending on your plan, your share of the cost may be lower when visiting either UnitedHealth Premium Tier 1 primary care physicians, specialists or both.¹ Please check your doctor's designation status before you schedule your next appointment. If you have any questions about this update, or need help finding a doctor, please visit myuhc.com[®] or call the toll-free member phone number on your health plan ID card.

UnitedHealthcare regularly evaluates all eligible network doctors to see if they meet national industry guidelines for quality and local market benchmarks for cost efficiency. The results of our most recent evaluation are available as of Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2015 on myuhc.com and in other network provider directories.² Your doctor's designation may have changed, so to make sure you get the most from your plan benefits, we recommend that you visit myuhc.com and check your doctor's most current designation before any appointment.

UnitedHealth Premium Tier 1 includes physicians who have received the Premium designation for Quality & Cost Efficiency, as well as physicians who have received the Premium designation for Cost Efficiency & Not Enough Data to Assess Quality.

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Effective Jan. 7, 2015, the UnitedHealth Premium program evaluates primary care physicians and specialists in these 27 specialties:

(New specialties added for 2015 are in **bold text**.)

Primary Care Physicians

- ▶ Family Practice
- ▶ Internal Medicine
- ▶ OB-GYN
- ▶ Pediatrics

Specialists

- ▶ Allergy
- ▶ Cardiology
- ▶ Cardiology – Electrophysiology
- ▶ Cardiology – Interventional

▶ Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT)

- ▶ Endocrinology
- ▶ **Gastroenterology**
- ▶ General Surgery
- ▶ General Surgery – Colon/Rectal
- ▶ Nephrology
- ▶ Neurology
- ▶ Neurosurgery – Spine
- ▶ Ophthalmology
- ▶ Orthopaedics – Foot/Ankle

- ▶ Orthopaedics – General
- ▶ Orthopaedics – Hand
- ▶ Orthopaedics – Hip/Knee
- ▶ Orthopaedics – Shoulder/Elbow
- ▶ Orthopaedics – Spine
- ▶ Orthopaedics – Sports Medicine
- ▶ Pulmonology
- ▶ Rheumatology
- ▶ Urology



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¹ For specific benefit coverage amounts, refer to your benefit plan documents or call the toll-free member phone number on your health plan ID card.

² Results of our most recent evaluation for physicians in Connecticut, Delaware, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and western Wisconsin will be available in April 2015 on myuhc.com and in other network provider directories.

The UnitedHealth Premium[®] designation program is a resource for informational purposes only. **Designations are displayed in UnitedHealthcare online physician directories at myuhc.com[®]. You should always visit myuhc.com for the most current information. Premium designations are a guide to choosing a physician and may be used as one of many factors you consider when choosing a physician. If you already have a physician, you may also wish to confer with him or her for advice on selecting other physicians. Physician evaluations have a risk of error and should not be the sole basis for selecting a physician.** Please visit myuhc.com for detailed program information and methodologies.

Only individual physicians that meet UnitedHealth Premium designation criteria, or physicians in designated specialties who are part of medical groups that meet UnitedHealth Premium criteria for group practices and who have sufficient claims data for analysis, may be designated. All physicians that contract with UnitedHealthcare have met credentialing requirements. Regardless of designation, plan enrollees have access to physicians in the UnitedHealthcare network as described in their benefit plan. Specialties for which there are no quality guidelines currently established in the program are excluded from evaluation and are noted as such.

The assessment result "Not Enough Data to Assess" is not an indicator of the total number of patients treated by the physician or the number of procedures performed by the physician. Rather, it reflects the statistical requirements of the Premium designation program, which includes only health plan claims associated with specific program measures and relevant to the physician's designated specialty. In some cases, there may not be enough data to complete the analytic process from a statistical standpoint.

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