

## UCare Announces Changes Affecting Claims Editing for *UCare Choices* Plans Beginning Jan. 1, 2019

**Effective Jan. 1, 2019**, UCare will make changes that affect claims submission and edits for *UCare Choices* and *Fairview UCare Choices* plans (to be renamed UCare Individual & Family Plans and UCare Individual & Family Plans with Fairview on Jan. 1, 2019). UCare is implementing a new claims system platform during the next two years. The Jan. 1 changes will help prepare for the transition, assist in streamlining claims processing and improve efficiencies of claims routing to our primary claims adjudicator.

**The following changes only apply to *UCare Choices* and *Fairview UCare Choices* plans (UCare Individual & Family Plans):**

**Expanded SNIP Edits:** UCare Minnesota will be adding a higher SNIP level to inbound claim submission for 2019 to all Individual & Family Plans. We will be using the [Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange \(WEDI\) Strategic National Implementation Process \(SNIP\) Validation](#). Any 837 submissions that do not pass WEDI SNIP Validations will be rejected. Below are a few examples of the health plans' SNIP level requirements:

2018 Edits	Additional 2019 Edits (including 2018 edits)
SNIP 1-2	SNIP 1-5
Invalid Character or data element	Ambulance pick up/drop off location is required
Date of service expected to be in numeric format CCYYMMDD	Diagnosis code has been already used
	Admission dates are required on inpatient claims
	The taxonomy code is not valid or inactive on transaction date
Custom Edits - Taxonomy Requirements and APRDRG Birth Weight is required	Custom Edits - 2018 CE plus Zero Units/Minutes will not be accepted

**Optum Claims Editing System™ (CES):** UCare has implemented version 5.4 of the Claims Edit System (CES) in the new claims adjudication system for Individual & Family Plans. This version is more recent than the version installed with UCare's current claims adjudication system. During implementation, UCare reviewed all of the existing edits for the UCare Individual & Family Plans for appropriateness within a commercial population. As a result, providers may experience a different editing pattern (e.g., some new edits, elimination of edits more appropriate for Medicare or Medicaid populations, etc.).

**Optum Prospective Payment System™ (PPS):** UCare has been manually pricing claims for Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF), Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities (IPF) and Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRF). Beginning with claims with dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2019, UCare will be using an automated pricing tool (as we do with Medicare, MSHO and Connect + Medicare) for Individual & Family Plans. This should bring efficiency to the claims payment process and consistency to provider payments.