

Important Medicare coverage update

November 2021

Dear HealthPartners UnityPoint Health Medicare Member,

Throughout the year, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) releases notices of new or changing Medicare Parts A and B coverage policies that result from CMS' National Coverage Determination (NCD) process. We're required to provide you with this information.

NCD notices inform Medicare beneficiaries of new items and services that may be covered or if there's a change in coverage under Original Medicare, including the clinical criteria under which coverage may be allowed. Here is the latest NCD notice from CMS:

September 2021 – Home Use of Oxygen and Oxygen Equipment

October 2021 – Transvenous (Catheter) Pulmonary Embolectomy

Please note that these NCD notices are coverage changes that have been made under Original Medicare. The service may already be covered by your HealthPartners UnityPoint Health Medicare plan. You won't be affected by this notice unless you receive the specific services. For more information, visit oneplanforme.com/ncd or cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database.

Questions? Call the number on the back of your member ID card. We're available:

Oct. 1 through March 31, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. CT, **seven days a week**. You'll speak with a representative.

April 1 through Sept. 30, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. CT, **Monday through Friday** to speak with a representative. On Saturdays, Sundays and Federal holidays, you can leave a message and we'll get back to you within one business day.