

Sources of Utilization Management Criteria for GEHA’s Elevate Plan for 2024

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Type of Service	Contracted Entity/Internal	Source of Utilization Management Criteria for Medical Necessity Determination
Inpatient Hospitalization	United Healthcare Clinical Services	In order of hierarchy: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Federal Mandates 2. GEHA Plan Brochure 3. GEHA Coverage Policy 4. UHC Medical Policy 5. UHC Coverage Determination Guidelines 6. InterQual: use subset as directed by UHC Medical Policies (i.e., UHC custom subset or standard subset) 7. Elective Inpatient Services Utilization Review Guide 8. InterQual
Behavioral Health Residential Treatment Center (RTC) for Inpatient only (no benefit for Outpatient RTC)	United Healthcare Clinical Services	In order of hierarchy as applicable: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Federal Mandates 2. GEHA Plan Brochure 3. Externally developed, evidence-based criteria such as but not limited to: InterQual, American Society of Addiction Medicine, LOCUS, CALLOCUS-CASII, ECSII 4. Internally developed policies including: UHC Coverage Determination Guidelines, Optum Behavioral Health Clinical Policy, GEHA Clinical Coverage Policies 5. Expert Medical Review

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Objective, evidence-based clinical criteria, and nationally recognized evidence-based guidelines 7. Claims data analysis
<p>Behavioral Health & Substance Abuse: Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP), Intensive Outpatient Programs, Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT), Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS), Neuropsychological Testing</p>	<p>United Healthcare Clinical Services</p>	<p>In order of hierarchy as applicable:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Federal Mandates 2. GEHA Plan Brochure 3. Externally developed, evidence-based criteria such as but not limited to: InterQual, American Society of Addiction Medicine, LOCUS, CALLOCUS-CASII, ECSII 4. Internally developed policies including: UHC Coverage Determination Guidelines, Optum Behavioral Health Clinical Policy, GEHA Clinical Coverage Policies 5. Expert Medical Review 6. Objective, evidence-based clinical criteria, and nationally recognized evidence-based guidelines 7. Claims data analysis
<p>Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Therapy</p>	<p>Optum Behavioral Health</p>	<p>In order of hierarchy as applicable:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Federal Mandates 2. GEHA Plan Brochure 3. Externally developed, evidence-based criteria such as but not limited to: InterQual, American Society of Addiction Medicine, LOCUS, CALLOCUS-CASII, ECSII 4. Internally developed policies including: UHC Coverage Determination Guidelines, Optum Behavioral Health Clinical Policy, GEHA Clinical Coverage Policies 5. Expert Medical Review

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Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF), Long-Term Acute Care (LTAC), Acute Medical Rehab	United Healthcare Clinical Services	<p>In order of hierarchy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Federal Mandates 2. GEHA Plan Brochure 3. GEHA Coverage Policy 4. UHC Medical Policy 5. UHC Coverage Determination Guidelines 6. InterQual: use subset as directed by UHC Medical Policies (i.e., UHC custom subset or standard subset) 7. InterQual
Spinal Pain Management, Spinal Surgery	United Healthcare Clinical Services	<p>In order of hierarchy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Federal Mandates 2. GEHA Plan Brochure 3. GEHA Coverage Policy 4. UHC Medical Policy 5. UHC Coverage Determination Guidelines 6. InterQual: use subset as directed by UHC Medical Policies (i.e., UHC custom subset or standard subset) 7. InterQual
Oncology: Outpatient Chemotherapy, and Non-Surgical	OncoHealth	<p>In order of hierarchy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GEHA Coverage policy 2. NCCN Drugs & Biologics Compendium® (Category 1 and 2a) 3. FDA labeling 4. Clinical Pharmacology (Strong For) 5. American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information (AHFS DI) (Level 1) 6. Thompson Micromedex DrugDex® (Class I and IIa) 7. Wolters Kluwer Lexi-Drugs® (Level A) 8. Peer-reviewed articles from one of the following journals: American Journal of Medicine; Annals of Internal Medicine; Annals of Oncology; Annals of Surgical

		<p>Oncology; Biology of Blood and Marrow Transplantation; Blood; Bone Marrow Transplantation; British Journal of Cancer; British Journal of Hematology; British Medical Journal; Cancer; Clinical Cancer Research; Drugs; European Journal of Cancer (formerly the European Journal of Cancer and Clinical Oncology); Gynecologic Oncology; International Journal of Radiation, Oncology, Biology, and Physics; JAMA Oncology, The Journal of the American Medical Association, Journal of Clinical Oncology; Journal of the National Cancer Institute; Journal of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN); Journal of Urology; Lancet; Lancet Oncology; Leukemia; The New England Journal of Medicine; New England Journal of Medicine: Evidence, Radiation Oncology</p>
<p>Oncology: Radiation</p>	<p>United Healthcare Clinical Services</p>	<p>In order of hierarchy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Federal Mandates 2. GEHA Plan Brochure 3. GEHA Coverage Policy 4. UHC Medical Policy 5. UHC Coverage Determination Guidelines 6. Medicare LCD for DME as directed by UHC Medical Policy 7. InterQual: use subset as directed by UHC Medical Policies (i.e., UHC custom subset or standard subset) 8. InterQual 9. Other: NCCN Compendium

Pharmacy	CVS/ Caremark	In order of hierarchy: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Standard of Care per clinical literature 2. FDA labeling 3. Specialty societies 4. External clinical experts
Radiology: High-tech Imaging	eviCore	In order of hierarchy: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Federal Mandates 2. GEHA Plan Brochure 3. eviCore Coverage Policy-created from nationally accepted standards from professional society recommendations, peer-reviewed literature, and subject-matter experts.
Genetic Testing	United Healthcare Clinical Services	In order of hierarchy: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Federal Mandates 2. GEHA Plan Brochure 3. GEHA Coverage Policy 4. UHC Medical Policy 5. UHC Coverage Determination Guidelines 6. InterQual: use subset as directed by UHC Medical Policies (i.e., UHC custom subset or standard subset) 7. InterQual 8. Other: NCCN Compendium
Transplant	GEHA	In order of hierarchy: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Federal Mandates 2. GEHA Plan Brochure 3. InterQual 4. Other: Generally accepted standards of medical practice are based on credible scientific published in peer-reviewed medical literature generally recognized by the relevant medical community, national physician specialty society recommendations and the views of medical practitioners practicing in relevant clinical areas, and any other relevant factors

Infertility	Progyny	In order of hierarchy: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GEHA Plan Brochure 2. GEHA Coverage Policy 3. American Society of Reproductive medicine (ASRM)
All other surgeries, treatments, services, and supplies	United Healthcare Clinical Services	In order of hierarchy: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Federal Mandates 11. GEHA Plan Brochure 12. GEHA Coverage Policy 13. UHC Medical Policy 14. UHC Coverage Determination Guidelines 15. Medicare LCD for DME as directed by UHC Medical Policy 16. InterQual: use subset as directed by UHC Medical Policies (i.e., UHC custom subset or standard subset) 17. InterQual 18. Other: NCCN Compendium