

Reimbursement Changes for Nebraska DSNP members

Beginning July 1, 2024, provisionally licensed clinicians will continue to bill Medicaid as the primary plan for UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members in Nebraska who are covered by a dual special needs plan (DSNP).

- Claims will be processed through Medicaid.
- Provisionally Licensed Mental Health Practitioners (PLMHPs) and Provisionally Licensed Psychologists (PPHDs) will be reimbursed at the lesser of the Medicare or Medicaid fee schedule rate.
- All other provisional provider types will be reimbursed using the Medicaid fee schedule.

Fully licensed master’s level clinicians will bill Medicare, Medicare Advantage and DSNP other than United Healthcare Plans as the primary plan.

- Master’s Level Clinicians include Licensed Independent Mental Health Practitioners (LIMHP), Licensed Mental Health Practitioners (LMHP) and Marriage and Family Therapists (MFT).
- After billing Medicare or a UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage or DSNP plan, claims will then automatically flow to Medicaid for secondary payer review.

This change is in reference to updated CMS rules for fully licensed master’s level clinicians that went into effect on Jan.1, 2024. Those guidelines also direct that Medicare should now be billed as the primary plan. See the full [CMS](#) and the [State of Nebraska](#) announcements.

Here’s a quick snapshot of the details:

Claims for dates of service Jan.1, 2024 through June 30, 2024	
Master’s Level Clinicians*	Provisionally Licensed Clinicians**
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bill Medicare as primary, Medicaid will be secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bill Medicaid as primary
Reimbursement for these claims <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In-network providers will be reimbursed the full amount allowable under Medicare.• Non-Medicare crossover claims and UnitedHealthcare Medicare or DSNP claims should then be submitted to Medicaid, with an EOB, and will be paid up to the published Medicaid rate.	Reimbursement for these claims <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will be paid at the established Medicaid rate per the posted mental health and substance use disorder fee schedule, as directed by Nebraska Medicaid and Long-Term Care.
Claims for dates of service beginning July 1, 2024	
Master’s Level Clinicians*	Provisionally Licensed Clinicians**
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bill Medicare as primary, Medicaid will be secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bill Medicaid as primary
Reimbursement for these claims <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In-network providers will be reimbursed the full amount allowable under Medicare.	Reimbursement for these claims <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PLMHPs and PPHDs will be paid at the lesser of the established Medicaid rate per the (posted mental health and substance use disorder fee schedule, as directed by Nebraska Medicaid and Long-Term Care) or the Medicare rate.• Please refer to the Medicaid mental health and substance abuse fee schedule for a comparison of the Medicare/Medicaid rates as it pertains to services dually covered by Medicare and Medicaid for PLMHPs and/or PPHDs.