

BROKER Connection

News to help you grow your business

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Online Chemotherapy Tool Accelerates Cancer Patient's Access to Treatment



View the results of a study where the use of a new online chemotherapy approval protocol offers a significant opportunity to reduce the cost of cancer therapy while expediting treatment approvals and increasing coverage approval rates. Learn how this web-based decision-support tool is transforming the prior authorization process.



Plans & Services

■ New ACO Option Available to Select Areas:

UnitedHealthcare has introduced NexusACOTM, a new tiered benefits option for 2017 100+ self-funded groups that offers access to Accountable Care Organization (ACO) health care professionals who have proven results for delivering quality and efficient care.

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Studies & Reports

■ Study Shows Benefits of Managed Vision Care:

The National Association of Vision Plans has released a study that highlights the benefits of managed vision care, showing that Americans with vision benefits have healthier eye care habits. [Learn more](#)

- **CMS Ratings Released:** See how UnitedHealthcare® Medicare and Retirement rated in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently released 2017 Star Rating Report. [Learn more](#)

More Information

Contact your UnitedHealthcare representative for more information about the items mentioned in this newsletter.

For service-related questions, e.g. billing, claims, and benefits, call 1-888-842-4571. Representatives are available 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. CT.

Pharmacy

- **Pharmaceutical Update:** The prices charged for many orphan drugs are extremely high - up to \$500,000 per-year per-patient, with over \$100,000 per year average costs. In this [report](#) we look at what this means to the organizations that are primarily responsible for paying for these crucial, but very expensive drugs: insurance companies and self-insured employer groups often assisted by Pharmacy Benefit Managers.

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Client Health Resources

- The following monthly observance can be directly copied and placed in your clients' employee communications. For additional wellness information visit the **Communication Resource Center**.
- **December is Holiday Wellness Month:** Check out the **December newsletter** for 10 survival tips for holiday eating and tips to overcome the holiday blues.