UnitedHealthcare Preferred Specialists

UHC maintains a list of specialist categories with in-network preferred providers. These physicians have demonstrated higher quality and efficiency of patient care. Therefore, the costs are less.

You are charged a higher amount for utilizing an in-network non-preferred or out-of-network provider in these specialist categories. You are charged the in-network preferred copayment when you utilize in-network providers in other specialist categories not listed or in locations where no preferred providers are available.

When utilizing specialists, first check to see if they are in a category that identifies in-network preferred specialist providers. Since a provider’s status can change, confirm the provider’s status prior to your appointment. Refer to your benefits book for instructions on locating in-network providers in your area. UHC preferred providers are listed as Premium Tier 1. Listed in the table are the categories and locations, as of the printing of this book. For the most current list of categories and locations, contact UHC.

Categories with In-Network Preferred Specialists

- allergy; cardiology; endocrinology; family practice;
- gastroenterology; general surgery; internal medicine; nephrology;
- neurology; neurosurgery-spine; obstetrics and gynecology (OB/GYN); orthopedics; otolaryngology
- ear, nose, and throat (ENT); pediatric internal medicine;
- pediatrics; pulmonology; rheumatology; and urology

Locations with Limited or No Access to Preferred Specialists

K, HI, ME, MT, VT, and WY