



Using network laboratories can save you money

UnitedHealthcare wants to offer you the best value for your health care dollars. We regularly evaluate our network relationships to ensure that you have access to quality, convenient and affordable care.



Using a network laboratory

You may not know what laboratory your doctors or providers use, but it is important that they send you or your lab samples to a participating laboratory in the UnitedHealthcare network. This allows us to monitor those laboratories' Quality and Performance Metrics and to get results data that support our HEDIS (Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set) Quality Measurements. It also enables us to help our members with care and disease management programs.

What this means to you

If your doctor refers you or your lab sample to a non-participating laboratory, you and your employer may be charged higher out-of-network costs. Non-participating laboratories may be up to seven times more expensive than network laboratories.

UnitedHealthcare continually evaluates its laboratory network to ensure quality, affordability, access and convenience. For a current listing of network laboratories in your area, go to **myuhc.com** or call the customer service number on your health plan ID card. We also recommend that you ask your doctor to verify that a participating laboratory will be used for your lab work.

Average Laboratory Test Cost*

Lab Test Description	CPT Code	Non Participating Lab Allowed Amt/Unit	Participating Lab Allowed Amt/Unit
Comprehensive Metabolic Panel	80053	\$51.84	\$8.27
Lipid Panel	80061	\$48.05	\$10.48
Glucose	82947	\$18.52	\$3.07
Hemoglobin A1C	83036	\$29.95	\$7.59
Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA)	84153	\$51.36	\$14.39
CBC	85025	\$33.77	\$6.08
Throat Culture	87070	\$34.46	\$6.74
Pap Smear	88142	\$41.65	\$15.84

*Source: UGAP

To ensure your benefits are covered at the highest level possible, you should get services from laboratories participating in our network.

- ▶ If your benefit plan has out-of-network benefits, services provided by a non-participating laboratory may be paid at the out-of-network benefit level.
- ▶ If you do not have out-of-network benefits, you may have no coverage for services provided by non-participating laboratories. Please refer to your Certificate of Coverage or Summary Plan Description for more information about your specific plan.
- ▶ The higher cost of a non-participating laboratory will decrease the amount available in your lifetime maximum benefit.

Note: Some non-participating laboratories may offer incentives to encourage use of their laboratory. This practice may be illegal under state and federal law.

Talk to your doctor when you need lab work

We encourage you to take an active role in your health care and learn which laboratories participate in our network. Please ask your doctor to verify that a participating laboratory will be used for your lab work.

To locate a local laboratory in the UnitedHealthcare network, visit us online at myuhc.com.

Your doctor can access a list of participating laboratories by visiting www.unitedhealthcareonline.com.

If the laboratory your doctor regularly uses no longer participates in our network, we will be happy to help find other options. If you have any questions, please call customer service at the telephone number on your health plan ID card.

