



What is the UnitedHealthcare Premium Designation program?

The UnitedHealthcare (UHC) Premium Designation program (PDP) is a physician-profiling program. Through the PDP, UHC measures physicians on their compliance with quality and cost efficiency standards and designated physicians across 20 specialties. Physicians can receive either a quality (one-star) or a quality and efficiency (two-star) designation. UHC publicly posts these physician ratings on its Website, www.uhc.com. The program has been in operation for several years.

Do you meet the criteria for participation in the UnitedHealthcare Premium Designation program?

The following are criteria for participation in the Premium Designation program:

1. The physician has a contract with UHC.

2. The physician practices in one of the following states where the PDP operates:

AL, AR, AZ, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MS, NC, NE, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WA, WI and WV. (Please note: The program may not be available in all parts of each state.)

3. The physician practices in one of the specialties evaluated by the PDP:

Allergy
Cardio-thoracic surgery
Electrophysiology
Endocrinology
Family Medicine
Infectious Disease
Internal Medicine
Interventional Cardiology
Nephrology
Neurology
Neurosurgery
Non-Interventional Cardiology
Ob/Gyn
Orthopaedic Surgery
Pediatrics
Pulmonology
Rheumatology
Spine Surgery
Sports Medicine
Total Joint Replacement

If you meet all the criteria, you **may** be participating in UHC's Premium Designation program.

Did you receive your Premium Designation letter?

On December 23, 2008, UnitedHealthcare mailed letters to PDP-participating physicians. If you are a PDP-participating physician and did not receive your letter, you should use the following resources to obtain a copy of your Premium Designation letter:

Toll-free phone: (866) 270-5588

E-mail: unitedpremium@uhc.com

Why do you need your Premium Designation letter?

Contained in the letter from UHC is your ID and password, the Web address to review your report and instructions for requesting reconsideration of your rating.

Do you want to request reconsideration of your Premium Designation rating?

UHC handles all reconsideration requests in accordance with the process described in the *Reconsideration Process –Frequently Asked Questions* document, which is available at <https://ereports.uhc.com/ReportCard>. Your ID and password provide you access to this document. **Note: All reconsideration requests must include any additional information you want considered as well as your signed attestation.**