

Attention United Healthcare patients who have had a claim denied for nutritional counseling for an eating disorder:

A class action lawsuit in federal court in New York alleges that United Healthcare (United) violated federal law by denying coverage for nutritional counseling for the treatment of eating disorders. The lawsuit is captioned *Bushell v. Unitedhealth Group Inc., et al*, Case No. 17-cv-02021.

Specifically, the case alleges that United violated the federal parity law, which prohibits the imposition of separate or more restrictive “treatment limitations” on mental health care as compared to medical and surgical care, by categorically denying coverage for nutritional counseling for eating disorders, while simultaneously covering nutritional counseling for medical conditions such as diabetes.

The Plaintiff’s lawyers – who are also representing patients in a number of other lawsuits seeking to improve health insurance benefits for mental health services – are investigating the scope of their claims in this New York class action in order to find out how widespread United’s practices are.

If you have had a benefit claim for nutritional counseling to treat an eating disorder denied by United, and are willing to provide information on a confidential basis, you can contact the law firm directly by emailing [Shawn Naunton \(snaunton@zuckerman.com\)](mailto:snaunton@zuckerman.com) and [Nell Peyser \(npeyser@zuckerman.com\)](mailto:npeyser@zuckerman.com).