

REMINDER

September 6, 2023

COVID-19 At-Home Over-The-Counter Tests

In January of 2022, CVS Caremark® enrolled your pharmacy in the COVID-19 OTC Test Kit Network ("Network"). This Network was created to facilitate CVS Caremark Plan Sponsor coverage of COVID-19 OTC test kits due to an imperative from the US Government requiring their coverage by insurance companies and group health plans. With the expiration of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency ("PHE") on May 11, 2023, this requirement will no longer be in place for these Plan Sponsors.

After the expiration of the PHE, several Plan Sponsors have indicated an intent to continue COVID-19 OTC test kit coverage. This notice is to inform you that the COVID-19 OTC Test Kit Network will continue to be utilized by certain Plan Sponsors. Therefore, Providers should continue to submit claims for COVID-19 OTC test kits and should rely on the CVS Caremark adjudication response to determine if the OTC COVID-19 OTC test kits are covered through the pharmacy benefit for Eligible Persons.

Note: Medicaid Plan Sponsors in many states have also implemented coverage of COVID-19 OTC test kits through the pharmacy benefit. State Medicaid coverage may vary, Providers should continue to rely on the CVS Caremark adjudication response.

Reminders for dispensing At-Home OTC COVID-19 Tests:

- Pharmacies that are not participating in the Plan Sponsor's retail network will no longer be able to use Submission Clarification Codes to override an out-of-network reject after the expiration of the PHE.
- Provider should dispense only the number of tests requested by the Eligible Person.
- Government-provided COVID-19 tests acquired by pharmacies to distribute to Eligible Persons for free are **not** part of this reimbursement program; **do not** submit claims to CVS Caremark for reimbursement for these government-provided tests as such claims may be subject to audit or other remedies available to CVS Caremark.
- Providers should maintain wholesaler, manufacturer, and distributor invoices for at-home OTC COVID-19 test purchases.
- The at-home OTC COVID-19 tests must be authorized, cleared, or approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

This update applies to:
All Network Pharmacies

Line of Business:
Commercial, Exchange,
Medicaid
(Not applicable to
Medicare Part D PDP's)

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