



Members can now get up to eight COVID-19 at home tests at no cost to them

On Jan. 10, 2022, the Departments of Labor, Treasury and Health and Human Services released guidance to support the Administration's directive that health insurers and group health plans cover, subject to certain criteria, the cost of FDA-authorized or approved over-the-counter (OTC) COVID-19 at home tests beginning on Jan. 15, 2022.

On Jan. 15, 2022, UnitedHealthcare began covering most commercial individual and group health plan members' FDA-authorized or approved OTC COVID-19 at home tests without a doctor's prescription or clinical assessment. This COVID-19 at home test benefit includes up to 8 tests per member per 30 days.

UnitedHealthcare fully insured and Level Funded individual and group health plan members will have two ways that they can receive reimbursement for these COVID-19 at home test kits.

1. **Preferred Retailers** — UnitedHealthcare has developed and deployed a solution of Preferred Retailers for coverage of OTC COVID-19 at home test kits. A Preferred Retailer is a pharmacy that UnitedHealthcare has made arrangement with to provide an OTC COVID-19 at home tests at no cost to the member at time of purchase or later. The list of Preferred Retailers and their websites may be found in the [Preferred Retailer list](#) on uhc.com. UnitedHealthcare is working to add additional Preferred Retailers.
2. **Other retailers or online** — If the member purchases a COVID-19 at home test at any in-store or online retailer other than at the in-store

pharmacy counter, they may submit purchase receipt(s) for reimbursement at the UnitedHealthcare member portal for a **maximum reimbursement of \$12 per test**. Many COVID-19 tests are sold as a two-pack so that means the test pack would be reimbursed at \$24 (\$12 for each test).

A member must be a UnitedHealthcare commercial individual or group health plan member **and** have UnitedHealthcare's Pharmacy benefit to purchase OTC COVID-19 at home tests at the Preferred Retailer at no cost using their UnitedHealthcare member ID card. As mentioned earlier, the member may also purchase and then submit a receipt for reimbursement at the retail location of their choice.

Other self-funded customers will receive a communication shortly that will outline the program and options for their business and members.

Where to get information

For additional information go to the customer/broker [COVID-19 At Home Test FAQs](#) or contact your broker or UnitedHealthcare representative.

Information for members is on the UnitedHealthcare [COVID-19 Resource Center](#) on the [OTC at home testing page](#) including the list of [Preferred Retailers](#).

Other COVID-19 updates

Supreme Court blocks OSHA testing and vaccination mandate for large private employers

On Jan. 13, 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court blocked the Administration's requirement that large private companies with 100 or more workers require employees to have the COVID-19 vaccination or submit negative weekly tests to enter the workplace. The overturned mandate also required unvaccinated workers to wear masks when indoors.

The vaccine mandate still stands for health care workers in medical facilities that take Medicare and Medicaid payments.

90-day extension of COVID-19 National Public Health Emergency

On Jan. 14, 2022, Health and Human Services extended the National Public Health Emergency for an additional 90 days through April 15, 2022.

For questions, please contact your broker or UnitedHealthcare representative.