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## Benefits Updates – February 21, 2022

### Over-the-Counter (OTC) COVID-19 Tests

In compliance with the federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), effective January 15, 2022, the State Employees' Prescription Drug Plan (Rx Plan) *will cover approved over-the-counter (OTC) COVID-19 tests* through the end of the federal public health emergency (PHE) as provided in the [MANAGEMENT ADVISORY #22-001 Over-the-Counter \(OTC\) COVID-19 Tests](#). The federal [Public Health Emergency \(PHE\)](#) has a current **expiration date of April 16, 2022**; however, the PHE *can be* extended by [Health and Human Services](#) in 90-day increments. Please understand that CVS pharmacies are independently run. Some will require members to submit for reimbursement.

### Florida Prepaid Open Enrollment: February 1, 2022 – April 30, 2022

Florida Prepaid offers college savings with tax advantages. Since 1988, the Florida Prepaid College Board has been offering Florida families a secure and tax-free method to financially prepare for a child's higher education. The Board, sponsored by the State of Florida, offers two 529 plans: The Florida Prepaid College Plan, a prepaid plan to cover the cost of tuition, required fees and dormitory housing at a Florida College or a state university; and the Florida College Investment Plan. For more information on the plans and how to start saving for college, please click [here](#).

### Annual Sick Leave Pool Open Enrollment: February 16, 2022 – March 02, 2022

The [Sick Leave Pool Program](#) Annual Open Enrollment begun on February 16, 2022 and will end on March 02, 2022.

For current enrollees, the [membership will be automatically renewed](#), and the membership hours will be deducted from accrued balance on the March 25, 2022, paycheck.; no further action is required. For new enrollees, please review the [enrollment process here](#).

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