

CVS/Caremark Response to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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Important Information About the New OTC COVID Test Guidance

On January 10, the Federal Government issued guidance that requires insurers and health plans to cover the cost of over-the-counter (OTC) at-home COVID-19 tests without a prescription at a \$0 member cost share, effective January 15, 2022.

While your plan can provide the required coverage of OTC COVID-19 tests in various ways, due to the urgency of this mandate, we are immediately implementing the below strategy to help ensure your plan has a path to compliance retro to January 15, 2022. Accordingly, on January 15, we initiated the following coverage options for your plans:

This will apply to CVS Caremark clients from 1/15/22 until the end of the Public Health Emergency.

POS (Point of Service) Claims / Over the Counter – Network Pharmacy

- Should not require a prescription
- Will process max. \$12 per test or Pharmacy Usual & Customary pricing
- Limit will be 8 tests / per plan member / per 30 days
- The member should have \$0 cost at a CVS Pharmacy

For reimbursement of an in-home test kit reimbursement can be made 2 ways via Paper Claims (Claim Form attached) – RxBin # is on your ID card:

- Can be submitted via simplified claim form – (Copy Attached) with receipt
- Quantity limit will apply; max reimbursement will apply.

or

Direct Member Reimbursement after purchase. Members can upload a copy of your receipt of the OTC COVID-19 tests purchased via Caremark.com to submit for reimbursement.