

Coverage for COVID-19 Testing



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Dear Friends,

As you may have heard, there is a new Federal rule requiring insurance companies to cover at-home COVID-19 test kits. Each carrier is issuing its own guidance and FAQs. Please visit our COVID-19 Resource Center, **Benefits and Human Resources tab**. where you will find links to each carrier's COVID-19 website which provides detailed information on this new benefit. Highlights are below.

Highlights

- Beginning January 15, 2022, the carriers will cover up to **8 tests per member per month** (if there are 2 tests in a package, they will cover 4 packages).
- Depending on where you purchase the tests, you may need to submit a claim for reimbursement so keep your receipts.

In addition, Americans can now start ordering free at-home COVID tests from the federal government after the White House announced last week an effort to give away 500 million rapid tests to address nationwide shortages. Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID tests by visiting covidtests.gov. The first tests are scheduled to ship out at the end of January.

Additional Resources

- Summary of Coverage of COVID-19 testing
- CDC Recommendations for COVID-19 testing
- Link to order free at-home tests from US Postal Service

For more information regarding the CDC recommendations for at-home covid tests, please read this attachment here.

To read the Legal Update article, "Agencies Issue Guidance on Coverage of OTC COVID-19 Tests" please click here.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need additional information or have any questions.

Sincerely,

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