**New York State (NYS) Medicaid Pharmacy Billing Guidance for At Home COVID-19 Tests**

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**Description:** Provides information when answering questions related to the New York City Medicaid Pharmacy Billing Guidance for at Home COVID-19 Tests.

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| Reminders |

The Biden Administration announced that the two national emergencies addressing COVID-19, the public health emergency (PHE) and the national emergency, ended on May 11, 2023. We shared anticipated process changes with CVS Caremark clients on March 22, 2023, so clients had time to decide what is best for their individual plan design and coverage.

Effective May 12, 2023, processes to cover OTC COVID-19 test kits (with or without prescription) will be discontinued unless the client elects to continue coverage.

If a client does not elect to continue coverage, OTC COVID-19 test kits (with or without a prescription) will no longer be covered under the client’s prescription drug plan. Members can, however, continue to purchase COVID-19 test kits out of pocket. For some plans, members may be able to use funds from a health savings account or a flexible spending account toward OTC COVID-19 test kits.

**Note:** Government at-home test kits are no longer available.

**Refer to the CIF to determine if the member’s plan has this benefit.**

**LOB:** PHD Commercial and Medicaid

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| Requirements for Coverage |

Covered “at home” test kits (one test kit of two tests or two individual tests per person per week) must be authorized by the FDA for use in both symptomatic and asymptomatic patients and allow for self-collection without medical observation.

**Note:** For a list of tests that are covered, providers can perform a search using the [eMedNY formulary search page](https://www.emedny.org/info/formfile.aspx). Select **Description** in the dropdown field and type in “COVID” to return all tests on the formulary.

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| Quantity Limits |

Refer to the CIF.

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| NYS FFS Pharmacy Billing for COVID-19 Test Kits |

Pharmacies may bill using the National Drug Codes (NDCs) provided, which have been derived by using the Universal Product Code (UPC). The test kits that are eligible for coverage are listed in [Table 2](#Table2). As more products become available this guidance will be updated. For a list of tests that are covered, providers can perform a search using the [eMedNY formulary search page.](https://www.emedny.org/info/formfile.aspx)

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| Billing Instructions and OTC COVID-19 Tests |

**Table 1 - Billing Instructions for COVID-19 Tests**

**Note:** The provider must input the information as listed this table.

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| **NCPDP D.0. Claim Segment Field\*** | **Value** |
| 436-E1 (Product/Service ID Qualifier) | Enter a value of "03" (NDC). |
| 407-D7 (Product/Service ID) | Enter one applicable NDC from [Table 2](#Table2)**.** |
| 444-E9 | Enter Pharmacist National Provider Identifier (NPI) Number |
| 411-DB (Prescriber ID) | Leave field blank\* |

**Table 2 - OTC COVID-19 Tests\***

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| **Test Name** | **OTC/RX** | **Reimbursement\*\*** | **NDC** |
| BinaxNOW COVID-19 Antigen Self- Test | OTC | Up to $24 | 11877001140 |
| QuickVue At-Home COVID-19 Test | OTC | Up to $24 | 14613033972 |
| InteliSwab COVID-19 Rapid Test | OTC | Up to $24 | 08337000158 |
| CareStart COVID-19 Antigen Home Test | OTC | Up to $24 | 50010022431 |
| IHEALTH COVID-19 AG HOME TEST | OTC | Up to $24 | 56362000589 |
| FLOWFLEX COVID-19 AG HOME TEST | OTC | Up to $24 | 82607066026 |
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\*As more test kits become available this table will be updated\*

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| Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) Coverage and Billing |

* The Medicaid coverage policy applies to all types of plans.
* The COVID-19 testing billing instructions and reimbursement amounts above are specific to Medicaid FFS.
* Individual MMC plan billing guidance for COVID-19 testing and specimen collection for pharmacies, is posted on the [Medicaid Managed Care Pharmacy Benefit Information Center.](https://mmcdruginformation.nysdoh.suny.edu/)
* Providers can select the MMC plan in question and then select the **COVID Testing- Pharmacy Billing Guidance** hyperlink to get the plan specific guidance page on their website.
* Providers can also access this information on the individual MMC plan websites.
* For MMC billing questions unanswered by using these resources, please contact the individual plan using the information in the link above.

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| Related Documents |

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