

COVID-19 Test Coverage Update!



Insurers and health plans to cover COVID-19 at home tests, Small Business Market Segment Update

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 and approved over-the-counter (OTC) at-home COVID-19 tests.

Beginning Jan. 15, 2022, UnitedHealthcare will cover most commercial individual and group plan members' FDA authorized and approved OTC at-home COVID-19 diagnostic tests purchased on or after this date, without a doctor's prescription or clinical assessment. This at-home COVID-19 test coverage will include up to 8 tests per member per 30 days.

UnitedHealthcare has established a preferred retail program for its commercial individual and group health plan members with UnitedHealthcare's Pharmacy benefit administered by OptumRx. UnitedHealthcare's initial preferred OTC retailer for at-home COVID-19 tests are Walmart Pharmacy and Rite Aid Pharmacy where members may show their ID card and then do not have to pay an up-front cost or submit claim form for subsequent reimbursement. More preferred retailers are expected to be added soon. **When at home COVID-19 tests are purchased at any in-store or online retailer, other than the in-store Walmart Pharmacy or in-store Rite Aid Pharmacy, members may submit their receipt(s) for reimbursement through the UnitedHealthcare member portal. UnitedHealthcare will reimburse the member a maximum of \$12 per test (benefit is up to \$24 for a kit of 2 tests).**

Reimbursement requests can be filed by our members directly on myuhc.com so it is extremely important that our members are up and running on myuhc.com for UHC and myallsaversconnect.com for All Savers to take advantage of this new benefit.

Please review the [COVID-19 At Home Test FAQs](#) on the uhc.com COVID-19 FAQ site and look for more communications to be sent early next week.