

Coverage for At-Home COVID Tests Now Available

On Monday, January 10, the Biden Administration released guidance clarifying the previously-announced expanded coverage requirement for at-home COVID-19 tests. President Biden had included this expanded coverage for at-home testing as part of his action plan aimed at addressing the COVID-19 pandemic in December 2021. The expanded coverage for at-home tests will apply to tests purchased on or after January 15, 2022 and during the public health emergency.

New Guidance

This week's guidance provides further clarification and expansion of coverage for at-home, or over-the-counter (OTC) tests. Under this new guidance, at-home or OTC tests must be covered without the involvement of a health care provider, an order or individualized clinical assessment, so long as the OTC COVID-19 test does not require a health care provider's order under the applicable FDA authorization, clearance, or approval.

These tests must be covered without imposing any cost-sharing requirements, prior authorization, or other medical management requirements. The agencies interpret the requirement for no cost-sharing to require coverage without out-of-pocket expense to the participant, beneficiary, or enrollee for the cost of the test, subject to certain safe harbors (see below).

Preferred Pharmacies or Retailers

Express Scripts is actively working towards a point-of-sale solution that would allow the OTC tests to be paid directly to the pharmacy at \$0 copay for the member. In the meantime, OTC COVID-19 tests can be purchased by participants during the public health emergency at an Express Scripts contracted pharmacy, but you will need to pay for the test(s) upfront and then remit the attached direct reimbursement form along with your receipt to Express Scripts for reimbursement. If you choose to purchase the at-home tests from a non-network pharmacy or other retailer, you will need to pay the full cost upfront and then file a claim to the Plan for reimbursement; however, the Plan will only reimburse up to \$12 per test.

Plans Must Cover a Minimum Number of OTC Tests

The guidance allows plans to limit the number or frequency of OTC COVID-19 tests to no less than 8 tests per 30-day period (or per calendar month). For a family of 4, this would be 32 tests per calendar month.

Additionally, this safe harbor applies only with respect to the coverage of OTC COVID-19 tests that are administered without a provider's involvement; plans must continue to provide coverage for COVID-19 tests that are administered with a provider's involvement or prescription, as required by the FFCRA and the Departments' guidance, even when relying on this safe harbor.

You may contact 90 Degree Benefits at the phone number below with any questions you may have.

» Claim Receipts

Please tape your receipts here. **Do not staple!** If you have additional receipts, tape them on a separate piece of paper

Tape receipt for prescription 1 here.

Receipts must contain the following information:

- Date prescription filled
- Name and address of pharmacy
- Doctor name or ID number
- NDC number (drug number)
- Name of drug and strength
- Quantity and day supply
- Prescription number (Rx number)
- DAW (Dispense As Written)
- Amount paid

Tape receipt for prescription 2 here.

Receipts must contain the following information:

- Date prescription filled
- Name and address of pharmacy
- Doctor name or ID number
- NDC number (drug number)
- Name of drug and strength
- Quantity and day supply
- Prescription number (Rx number)
- DAW (Dispense As Written)
- Amount paid

COMPOUND PRESCRIPTIONS ONLY

- List the VALID 11-digit NDC number for EACH ingredient used for the compound prescription.
- For each NDC number, indicate the "metric quantity" expressed in the number of tablets, grams, milliliters, creams, ointments, injectables, etc.
- For each NDC number, indicate cost per ingredient.
- Indicate the TOTAL charge (dollar amount) paid by the patient.
- Receipt(s) must be attached to claim form.

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Date Filled / / Day Supply Quantity

Valid 11-digit Ingredient NDC

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» Instructions Read carefully before completing this form.

1. Always present your prescription drug ID card at the participating retail pharmacy.
2. Use this form when you have paid full price for a prescription drug at a retail pharmacy or need to submit claims under Coordination of Benefits rules.
3. **You must complete a separate claim form for each pharmacy used and for each patient.**
4. You must submit claims within 1 year of date of purchase or as required by your plan.
5. **Be sure your receipts are complete.**
In order for your request to be processed, all receipts must contain the information listed at the top of this page. Your pharmacist can provide the necessary information if your claim or bill is not itemized.
6. The plan member should read the acknowledgment carefully, and then sign and date this form.

7. Return the completed form and receipt(s) to:

Express Scripts
ATTN: Commercial Claims
P.O. Box 14711
Lexington, KY 40512-4711

8. You may also fax your claim form to: 608.741.5475.

Please use one claim form per fax.
Do not combine claims for different members in the same fax submission.

Additional Coordination of Benefits Instructions

Another Health Plan Paid

You must first submit the claim to the primary insurance carrier. Once the statement from the primary plan is received from the primary carrier, complete this form, tape the original prescription receipts in the spaces provided at the top of this page, and attach the statement from the primary plan, which clearly indicates the cost of the prescription and what was paid by the primary plan.

Prescription Drug Programs or HMO Plans Retail pharmacies

If the primary plan is one in which a copayment or coinsurance is paid at a retail pharmacy, then no EOB is needed. Just complete this form and attach the prescription receipt(s) that shows the copayment or coinsurance amount paid at the pharmacy. The receipt(s) will serve as the EOB.

Express Scripts® Pharmacy

If the primary plan is mail order, complete this form and attach either the prescription receipt(s) that shows the copayment or coinsurance amount paid to the mail-order pharmacy or the statement of benefits you receive from the mail-order pharmacy.

† **California:** For your protection, California law requires the following to appear on this form: Any person who knowingly presents false or fraudulent claim for the payment of a loss is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in state prison.

Pennsylvania: Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime and subjects such person to criminal and civil penalties.

