



GENESEE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION Human Resources Department

MEMO

DATE: January 19, 2022
TO: All Employees
FROM: Monica Pearson, Benefits Coordinator
RE: IMPORTANT: At-home COVID-19 Home Test Reimbursement

As you may be aware, the federal government issued new requirements for all commercial health insurance providers this would include Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBS) to reimburse members for at-home rapid diagnostic COVID-19 tests purchased beginning January 15, 2022, through the end of the public health emergency. This new program does not require member cost-sharing or a health care provider's order.

Details about the new program:

- The new program allows for the reimbursement for up to 8 at-home rapid diagnostic COVID-19 tests per member every 30 days. (Note: this is the number of total tests – if a member purchases a kit with two tests in it, that counts as two tests).
- Tests must be purchased on or after January 15, 2022, to qualify for the new program.
- The tests must be FDA authorized, and they list all authorized tests on their website, but there are steps you need to take to find them:
- Qualifying tests include over-the-counter antigen or molecular tests.
 - A list of FDA authorized antigen tests is located [here](#).
 - A list of FDA authorized molecular tests is located [here](#).
 - To see a list of at-home tests that are payable, you'll need to type "OTC" in the search box on the web pages. That will bring up a list of tests that are part of the at-home rapid diagnostic COVID-19 reimbursement program (Please note: The BinaxNOW test in the antigen page, which is listed as "Telehealth Proctor Supervised," is not reimbursable under this program).
- The new program does not cover tests used for employment purposes.

How will the new program work for members?

BCBS members will be able to continue to fill out an online form and mail it in (along with receipts) after purchasing the at-home rapid diagnostic COVID-19 tests. You can find the online form [here](#), there is a link to it on bcbsm.com/coronavirus, under the testing question, or it is available through your member account. BCBS states that the form will be updated to comply with the federal program. Once BCBS get qualifying forms from members, checks will be mailed to the member. Here are the specific steps:

- Members should fill out the form, attach receipts, and submit the form online or mail the form to us. BCBS will then input the form for claims processing and mail a check back to the member if the submission qualifies.
- BCBS intends to process these claims as soon as possible; however, due to ongoing mail delays and without knowing the volume of requests we will receive, it could take up to 60 days for members to receive reimbursement.

BCBS anticipates a high volume of submittals and would appreciate our patience as they work through the reimbursement process. As more information or additional details becomes available, we'll be sure to notify you accordingly.

Thank you.