



Contract Administration

TO: All PEF Members

FROM: Erika Frasier, Health Benefits Specialist

DATE: January 14, 2022

RE: At Home Covid-19 Testing Kits

Effective January 15, 2022, The Empire Plan and HMO Plans will cover claims for FDA-authorized COVID-19 at-home, over-the-counter (OTC) diagnostic tests. A doctor's order or prescription is not needed to be reimbursed for OTC COVID-19 tests. All enrollees and dependents are eligible for this benefit. Coverage includes reimbursement for up to eight (8) at-home COVID-19 tests, per covered person, per month. Tests can be purchased at a retailer, at a pharmacy or online.

As of January 15, 2022, the CVS Caremark pharmacy network for The Empire Plan, will be available to obtain an OTC test with no out-of-pocket cost. Members that purchase a test out-of-network will need to seek reimbursement. The out-of-network reimbursement cost for at-home, over-the-counter (OTC) diagnostic tests is \$12 (\$24 for a box of two tests), whichever is less.

For reimbursement under The Empire Plan, you must reach out to United HealthCare (UHC). Reimbursement forms are available online at:

https://link.edgepilot.com/s/89c27921/PjQjJ3rJW0a93ET_DOTUaQ?u=http://www.myuhc.com/

and can be faxed to (845) 336-7716 along with a receipt showing proof of purchase or mailed directly to:

UnitedHealthcare
P.O. Box 1600,
Kingston, NY 12402-1600

HMO members should reach out directly to their medical carrier to seek reimbursement. We will provide more information on the HMO pharmacy networks as it becomes available.

The unreimbursed costs for Covid-19 at-home testing kits are eligible medical expenses, that can be submitted to your health savings accounts (HSAs). The unreimbursed amounts would be for out-of-network costs that insurance is not covering. The costs of personal protective equipment, such as masks, hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes, for the primary purpose of preventing the spread of COVID-19 are also eligible medical expenses that can be paid or reimbursed under the HSA

cc: PEF Staff
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