



# HEALTH, WELFARE and INSURANCE FUND

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## \*\*\*INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR COVID-19 HOME TEST KITS\*\*\*

The Biden-Harris Administration announced a mandate that requires group health plans to provide coverage for authorized Over the Counter COVID-19 tests. The mandate requires coverage for 8 authorized tests per covered individual per month.

**Insured members who purchased tests January 15 through February 10, 2022 and paid out of pocket can submit claims for reimbursement thru BCBSMA. The form is posted on their website at <https://www.bluecrossma.org/myblue/coronavirus-resource-center#get-tested>. BCBSMA will deny all requests for reimbursement of at home COVID-19 diagnostic tests purchased after 02/10/2022.**

**As of February 11, 2022, we are requiring that insured members receive these tests by using your OptumRX card at designated convenient pharmacies. Optum has developed a program to allow insured members to purchase tests by using their Optum ID card, thereby removing the need to file for reimbursement. The requirements of the program are on the following page.**

To learn more about the program, please visit the OptumRX website or contact Optum by phone.  
**WWW.OPTUMRX.COM Customer Service for COVID test kit information: 1-844-805-9802.**

**Note that the mandate does not cover testing required for worksite employment or travel. Both BCBSMA and Optum will deny claims associated with worksite requirements or travel.**

All costs associated with the purchase of authorized tests will be incurred by Teamsters Local Union Number 653 Health, Welfare and Insurance Fund, therefore we encourage you to utilize other resources for free authorized tests kits if available.

### **<https://www.usps.com/covidtests> USPS Free COVID-19 tests**

Free at-home COVID-19 rapid tests may be available for order and shipment through the United States Postal Service®. Each order will contain 4 tests. There is a limit of 1 order per residential address and additional tests cannot be ordered regardless of the size of the household.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Fund office at 508-230-9450 if you have any questions.

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## OptumRX Authorized COVID-19 Test Kit Program

\*If you are covered on Medicare, Medicaid or CHIP, these instructions do not apply. Contact your health plan or state agency for specifics on coverage of at-home COVID-19 test kits. Coverage rules may vary by state and plan.

### Who is covered for at-home COVID-19 test kits?

Covered eligible members and covered eligible dependents ("covered individual") for up to 8 individual tests per covered individual, every month, through the end of the emergency health period.

### Which tests are covered?

Coverage includes at-home COVID-19 test kits authorized by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The most common tests are BinaxNOW™, CLINITEST®, Flowflex™, i-Health®, InteliSwab™, On/Go™, QuickVue and At-home test kits (Roche)®.

### Where can I get a test kit?

To purchase a kit without submitting a reimbursement form, you can purchase FDA-authorized COVID-19 test kits at a Rite Aid Pharmacy (including Bartell Drugs), Sam's Club Pharmacy, Walmart, Walgreens, Kinney Drugs and Duane Reade Pharmacies. Simply go to the pharmacy counter, present your OptumRX ID card, and ask to have your OTC at-home COVID-19 test kits submitted to your plan for coverage.

You can also purchase an FDA-authorized over-the-counter COVID-19 test kit at other stores or online retailers, however you will not be able to use your OptumRX card. Keep your purchase receipt(s) to submit for reimbursement. You will be reimbursed for up to 8 tests per covered individual, per month without a prescription. Your plan will reimburse you up to \$12 per test by submitting a claim. Please note: Some pharmacies and other stores are experiencing supply shortages for these tests.

### How do I submit a claim?

If you paid out-of-pocket for a test you purchased on or after February 11, 2022 your claim must be submitted through OptumRX. Please visit the OptumRX website for the applicable link.

A separate claim must be submitted for each covered member. If you prefer, you can also print a mail-in form. Please visit the OptumRX website for the applicable form.

### When can I submit my claim?

You can submit your claim now for covered tests purchased on or after February 11, 2022. Please submit your claim within one year of your purchase date. **Reimbursement will be available through the end of the emergency health period.** No announcement will be sent by the Fund, however you should check the OptumRX site for information as it becomes available.

### May I use my insurance or the reimbursement program to purchase tests for employment and travel purposes?

No.