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Billing Guidance

Re: COVID-19 at-home tests

Dear Providers,

This notice is to outline the multiple options available to your patients for COVID-19 testing. Patients may access the federal [COVIDtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov) website which delivers up to 4 free COVID-19 at-home antigen tests directly to a household beginning January 19, 2022. Individuals may continue to visit their nearest COVID-19 [testing site](#). On January 9, 2022, the Biden-Harris Administration mandated commercial insurance to cover up to 8 at-home COVID-19 tests at no charge to their members.

Alaska Medicaid also reimburses providers for over-the-counter (OTC) FDA-authorized COVID-19 antigen test kits, used in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations, when (1) dispensed to a Medicaid enrolled individual for use by that individual and (2) the provider purchased the test kit to distribute to its patients. Providers may not be reimbursed for dispensing test kits they acquired without cost. COVID-19 at-home antigen tests are covered with no cost sharing for Alaska Medicaid members through the pharmacy point-of-sale system when dispensed by a pharmacy or dispensing provider. If the member is enrolled in a commercial health plan, the member must use their primary insurance for reimbursement of the test.

COVID-19 at-home test kit availability at pharmacies is dependent upon product availability. Medicaid-enrolled pharmacists may generate a prescription, with no refills, and submit a claim to Alaska Medicaid using the pharmacist's NPI number. Pharmacies may also dispense COVID-19 test kits from another licensed prescriber, such as a physician, PA, or APRN. Members are limited to two test units per day and a maximum of eight test units per month.

As noted in previous billing guidance, Medicaid-enrolled pharmacists have independent authority to administer, and thus dispense, COVID-19 tests. To submit a claim for a COVID-19 at-home test, Medicaid-enrolled pharmacists should enter their NPI in the "Prescriber ID" field and the pharmacy's NPI in the Service Provider field. The Universal Product Codes (UPC) eligible for coverage and available for billing through the pharmacy point-of-sale system are listed in the table below; the UPC for the kit dispensed should be entered into the National Drug Code (NDC) field.

Technical Specifications for COVID-19 at-home antigen test kit billing using the NCPDP format:

NCPDP D.O. Claim Segment Field	Value
[436-E1] Product/Service ID Qualifier	03, NDC
[407-D7] Product/Service ID	UPC for COVID-19 antigen test
[411-DB] Prescriber ID	National Provider Identifier (NPI) number for the Medicaid enrolled dispensing pharmacist
[201-B1] Service Provider ID	Pharmacy's NPI
[409-D9] Ingredient Cost Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$0.01, when at-home test kit acquired free of charge, otherwise • Actual acquisition cost (with no mark-up)
[426-DQ] Usual and Customary Charge	price charged to the general public
[491-VE] Diagnosis code count	1
[492-WE] Diagnosis code qualifier	02, ICD-10
[424-DO] Diagnosis code	Z20.828 (suspected exposure to COVID-19)

Covered Covid-19 at-home antigen test kits billed by Medicaid enrolled Pharmacies:

Test Name	Rx Required*	UPC/NDC	Test Units per Box
CARESTART COVID19 AG HOME TEST	N	50010022431	2
FLOWFLEX COVID-19 AG HOME TEST	N	82607066026	1
FLOWFLEX COVID-19 AG HOME TEST	N	82607066027	2
BINAXNOW COVID-19 AG CARD	Y	11877001129	1
BINAXNOW COVD AG CARD HOME TST	Y	11877001133	1
BINAXNOW COVID-19 AG SELF TEST	N	11877001140	2
ELLUME COVID-19 HOME TEST	N	56964000000	1
IHEALTH COVID-19 AG RAPID TEST	N	56362000589	2
INTELISWAB COVID-19 RAPID TEST	N	08337000158	2
SOFIA SARS ANTIGEN FIA	Y	14613033908	1
QUICKVUE SARS ANTIGEN	Y	14613033937	1
QUICKVUE AT-HOME COVID-19 TEST	N	14613033972	2

*The enrolled pharmacist is listed as prescriber for all COVID-19 at-home test kits unless ordered by another licensed prescriber.

Reimbursement for each test will be the lower of the actual acquisition cost, the established reimbursement rate (\$12.50), or the Usual and Customary (U&C) price charged to the general public consistent with 7 AAC §145.005(h). Medical supply items are not eligible for a dispensing fee.