

# Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

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TO: Nebraska Heritage Health Plans

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RE: COVID-19 At-Home Antigen Tests

This provider bulletin is being issued to notify Medicaid providers that effective January 15, 2022, over-the-counter COVID-19 at-home tests will be covered by Nebraska Medicaid.

### At-Home COVID-19 Antigen Tests

The antigen tests are available in retail pharmacies for in-person purchase. Members may obtain a maximum of four (4) tests per day, and no more than eight (8) tests per calendar month. This may be achieved through multiple prescriptions. Providers may write prescriptions with refills.

All antigen tests require a prescription to be covered. Tests are billed as a pharmacy benefit through a Point-of-Sale process. Tests need to have an NDC number for billing purposes. Tests need to have an FDA EUA or higher level approval and classified as Over-the-Counter or Direct-to-Consumer. It is not permissible to order tests online and have a claim sent from the individual member to the MCO for reimbursement.

Pharmacies have the option to utilize a standing order protocol (non-patient specific order) in partnership with their ordering prescriber (similar to COVID-19 or flu vaccine protocols) or a patient specific prescription.

### Eligible Populations

Members must meet the written FDA guidelines of each kit in order to be eligible for coverage. For example, some kits are for self-collection for ages 18+ only, while other kits allow for adult collection from children age 2+ or adult-supervised self-collection from older children at the manufacturer's specified ages.

### Reimbursement

Reimbursement up to \$12.00 for a kit with one test or up to \$24.00 for a kit with two tests is allowed. No copay can be charged to the member.

If you have questions regarding this advisory, please email the Nebraska Medicaid Pharmacy Unit at: [DHHS.MedicaidPharmacyUnit@nebraska.gov](mailto:DHHS.MedicaidPharmacyUnit@nebraska.gov).

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