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HOW TO ACCESS COVID-19 AT-HOME TEST KITS

[Fresno, CA, January 28, 2022] – Following federal guidance, CVT will now cover or reimburse members for FDA-approved rapid antigen home tests. Currently, there are a few easy ways for you to obtain a COVID-19 home test kit.

- 1. Free test kits mailed to your home:** You can visit www.covidtests.gov, and provide your name and mailing address. Every home in the US is eligible to order four free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests are completely free and will usually ship in 7-12 days.
- 2. Over-the-counter:** Effective January 15, 2022, CVT participants and dependents can receive an at-home COVID-19 test kit at no cost. At-home test kits are available without a prescription and do not require a health care provider's involvement.

Coverage of over-the-counter (OTC) COVID 19 testing

CVT has arranged for a "direct coverage option" with CVS Caremark that will allow participants and dependents to obtain test kits for free from any [Caremark network pharmacy](#). Alternatively, participants and dependents can purchase kits from out-of-network retailers or out-of-network pharmacies and submit claims for reimbursement.

Here is how you can get a covered test if you are enrolled in a PPO, EPO or a non-Kaiser Permanente plan.

If you visit a Caremark network pharmacy (\$0 up-front cost to you): Purchase a test through a Caremark network pharmacy at the pharmacy counter. Note: this applies to pharmacies in the Caremark network and not just CVS pharmacies. Visit the pharmacy counter and show your CVS Caremark ID card. If you do not purchase the test at the pharmacy counter, you can purchase it at the front of the store, but in that case, you will have to pay up front and submit a claim for reimbursement as described below. If the pharmacy is not able to process your claim at the time of purchase, members can pay for the test and then submit their receipt and claim for reimbursement using the instructions below.

OR

If you visit a non-Caremark network pharmacy (you must pay up-front and be reimbursed): If you do not purchase a test at a Caremark network pharmacy, you must submit a claim form and your valid receipt for the test through the [Caremark app](#), [online](#) or mail. Click [here](#) for a copy of the claim form. Click [here](#) for instructions on how to submit the reimbursement request electronically. More information can be found by logging onto www.caremark.com.

**For Kaiser Permanente Members: If you pay upfront for a test kit (*in a retail store or online*), keep your receipt and submit a paper claim.
Click [here](#) for your claim form.**

Note: Only test kits purchased after January 15, 2022, are eligible for reimbursement. Members will be limited to eight (8) tests within a 30-day period.

If you need assistance locating and/or completing your claim form, finding an in-network CVS Pharmacy or have additional questions, contact CVT Member Services at (800) 288-9870.

<<Please share this important information with your members and/or employees.>>

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