January 20, 2022

COVID-19 HOME TESTING KIT COVERAGE

Dear PEBP Member,

Effective January 15, 2022, health plans and health insurance issuers are mandated to provide coverage for over-the-counter (OTC) COVID-19 test kits during the public health emergency.

For members enrolled in the Consumer Driven Health Plan, Low Deductible Plan, and Premier Plan:

- Currently, purchased tests must be submitted for reimbursement. Within the next 30 days, Express Scripts expects to have additional options that will allow members to acquire OTC tests at participating pharmacies with no up-front costs to the member. Additional information will be provided once this becomes available.
- OTC tests may be purchased at a pharmacy or non-pharmacy retailers such as Amazon.
- To be reimbursed for your test, members will need to submit a pharmacy receipt along with a paper claim form to Express Scripts. For assistance, please contact Express Scripts at 1-855-889-7708.
- The maximum reimbursement for each test may be limited to $12. Tests that come in packs of 2 (counted as 2 of the 8 limit) may be limited to a $24 reimbursement rate.

For members enrolled in Southern Nevada’s Health Plan of Nevada (HMO):

- HPN has partnered with Walmart or Rite Aid pharmacies so tests can be acquired with no upfront costs.
- Tests purchased at other pharmacies will need to be paid for upfront. Submit your receipt along with a paper claim form through HPN’s online member center for reimbursement. For assistance, please contact HPN at 1-800-777-1840.

*Paper claim forms can be found at https://pebp.state.nv.us/resources/forms-publications/

Please note: This new benefit is separate from the state testing requirement and does not affect the PEBP Board’s decision to implement COVID-19 surcharges on unvaccinated members beginning July 1, 2022.

Sincerely,

Public Employees’ Benefits Program