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UPDATE

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Dear NMPSIA Members Enrolled in a Medical Plan,

The Biden Administration announced that, starting January 15th, private insurance companies will be required to cover at-home COVID-19 tests. This means consumers with private health insurance coverage will be able to get these tests for free. Insurance companies and health plans are required to cover eight free at-home tests per covered individual per month.

- NMPSIA will cover a limit of 8 over the counter (OTC) tests per 30-day period (or per calendar month) for each member or dependent enrolled under the plan. That means a family of four, all on the same plan, would be able to get 32 of these tests covered by our Pharmacy Benefit Manager, per month.

- Tests will be reimbursed, regardless of whether the individual has an order or individualized clinical assessment from a health care provider. This includes eligible tests purchased online or at a retail pharmacy.

- OTC tests are to be used only for an individual's own personal use, or by use of an insured family member.

- NMPSIA is not required to cover testing (including an OTC COVID-19 test) for employment purposes, travel, or surveillance testing.

- COVID-19 OTC tests purchased prior to January 15, 2022 are not eligible for reimbursement.

- If you purchased your qualifying at-home COVID-19 test(s) at the pharmacy counter and were charged, you can submit your receipt for reimbursement of up to $12 per test.

NMPSIA medical carriers (Blue Cross Blue Shield, CIGNA, Presbyterian) will not be reimbursing insured members for OTC COVID-19 test. Claims reimbursement for NMPSIA members can be completed through Express Scripts (ESI) who is contracted as NMPSIA's Pharmacy Benefit Manager.

How to get COVID-19 tests through your pharmacy benefit

- Visit a participating pharmacy and select a qualifying at-home COVID-19 test. Find qualifying at-home COVID-19 tests at https://nmpsia.com/OTCTestsCovered.html

- Bring your test to the pharmacy counter (<u>not the general check-out register</u>) and present your ESI prescription benefit card to the pharmacist. The pharmacist will process the test for a $0 copay.

- Eligible members can order up to 8 at-home COVID-19 tests every 30 days from Express Scripts® Pharmacy. Log in or register to place your order. Please note that in the short term there will be limited supplies and tests may take up to 4 weeks to arrive.

How to get COVID-19 tests reimbursed through your pharmacy benefit

- In order to be reimbursed for an OTC COVID-19 test purchased after 01/15/2022, the test must be a qualifying at-home COVID-19 test and be on the First Data Bank List.

  - You can find a copy of the list at https://nmpsia.com/OTCTestsCovered.html

    - The First Data Bank List will be updated accordingly to include additional approved tests.

- Log in for instructions on how to submit a reimbursement claim.

  - Complete a digital claim form by scrolling to "Request reimbursement" and click on "Start a Claim"

    - Follow the instructions and click on "Get Started"
    - Chose "Single ingredient medicine" and click on "Start Claim" to get started
    - Follow all the steps to complete and submit your digital claim

  - Complete and mail a paper claim form found here https://nmpsia.com/pdfs/2022-ESI_Covid-19_OTC_Test_Reimbursement_Claim_Form.pdf

    - A SAMPLE paper claim form with the highlighted required fields is available for reference at https://nmpsia.com/pdfs/Sample_Highlighted_ESI_Covid-19_OTC_Test_Reimbursement_Claim_Form.pdf

Additional information is available on the NMPSIA website https://nmpsia.com/COVID-19.html or by accessing the ESI link COVID-19 Resources and Vaccine Coverage | Express Scripts (express-scripts.com) or contact Express Scripts at 1.800.498.4904.

If you have any questions please contact the NMPSIA office at (505) 988-2736 or (800) 548-3724 to speak to a benefits representative.

Sincerely,

NMPSIA Benefits