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TO: Pharmacies

**RE: CMAP COVID-19 Response – Bulletin 59: Coverage of At Home COVID-19
Over-the-Counter (OTC) Test Kits**

Effective for dates of service on and after December 1, 2021 and through the last day of the first quarter that begins one year after the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency, Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP)-enrolled pharmacy providers may bill point-of-sale (POS) for Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved and FDA Emergency Use Authorized over-the-counter (OTC) COVID-19 tests dispensed for use by CMAP members in a home setting. This coverage is mandated under Sections 9811 and 9821 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

This coverage is available to all HUSKY A, B, C and D members and to members in the COVID-19 Testing Coverage Group. **Per the federal law, no copayments for the tests/test kits may be collected from HUSKY B members.**

Coverage is limited to eight (8) such COVID-19 at-home tests (or 4 kits with two tests per kit) per member per 30 day period, without prior authorization.

While CMAP normally requires a prescription for all OTC drugs and medical equipment and supplies, COVID-19 at home test kits may be dispensed with or without such a prescription.

Pharmacists may submit their NPI as the prescribing provider's NPI on pharmacy claims submitted for the at-home COVID-19 test kits to the CMAP. **If the pharmacist dispensing the COVID-19 home test kit has not registered with NPPES for an individual NPI, the pharmacy dispensing the kit may submit the NPI of the pharmacy as the prescribing provider's NPI on the pharmacy claim.**

Please Note: Only OTC at-home COVID test kits are reimbursable through pharmacy POS at this time.

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