



TO: Pharmacy Providers

RE: Coverage of At Home COVID-19 Over the Counter (OTC) Test Kits

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify pharmacies that at home COVID-19 over the counter (OTC) test kits will continue to be covered through the Department of Social Services (DSS) beyond the expiration date of the Public Health Emergency which is set to expire on May 11, 2023. Coverage will continue until at least September 30, 2024 or until the Health and Human Services (HHS) changes its guidance.

This coverage is available to all HUSKY A, B, C and D members. **Per the federal law, no co-payments for the tests/test kits may be collected from HUSKY B members.**

Coverage is limited to eight (8) such COVID19 at-home tests (or 4 kits with two tests per kit) per member per 30 day period, without prior authorization.

While the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (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 National Provider Identifier (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 National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (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.**