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Web Announcement 2993

Coverage of COVID-19 Over-the-Counter (OTC) Tests

Starting March 11, 2021, to the last day of the first calendar quarter that begins one year after the last day of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, Nevada Medicaid will cover COVID-19 over-the-counter (OTC) tests authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for all Nevada Medicaid recipients.

Uninsured individuals who are eligible for these COVID-19 OTC tests will only have coverage from March 11, 2021, to the last day of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. Please see [Web Announcement 2992](#) for a full explanation of the "COVID-19 Temporary" eligibility group.

COVID-19 OTC tests will be reimbursed only through provider type (PT) 28 Pharmacy. The [Pharmacy Provider Manual](#) has been updated to include information about reimbursement. Nevada Medicaid will reimburse a pharmacy at a rate of \$12.00 per individual test (or the cost of the test, if less than \$12.00) with a quantity limit of eight tests per month. Providers must bill on a per unit basis with the appropriate National Drug Code (NDC). For example, if a package includes two tests, the provider should bill for two units which would equate up a \$24.00 reimbursement.

If a Nevada Medicaid recipient paid for a COVID-19 OTC test at a PT 28 Pharmacy from March 11, 2021, to present, the Pharmacy must bill Nevada Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS) for these services. The provider must reimburse the eligible person and accept Medicaid reimbursement as payment in full. Claim submission timeliness requirements will be waived.

Any claims for COVID-19 OTC tests that were previously submitted by a PT 28 Pharmacy and denied due to non-coverage of COVID-19 should be resubmitted.

Providers will have up to one year from the end of the Public Health Emergency to submit claims (six months for in-state providers and one year for out-of-state providers).

All Nevada Medicaid FFS billing guides, including COVID-19, can be found on the Providers Billing Information webpage at: <https://www.medicaid.nv.gov/providers/BillingInfo.aspx>.

For additional COVID-19 information, please see the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) COVID-19 webpage at: <https://dhcfnv.gov/covid19/>. A Member Outreach page is now available with resources related to COVID-19 that providers and partners can distribute to members. The page is available at: <https://dhcfnv.gov/Pgms/CPT/COVID-19/MemberOutreach/>. As a reminder, anyone can sign up to receive emails directly from Nevada Medicaid about a variety of topics. ListServes are available for members and providers [here](#).