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Providers are reminded that effective for dates of service on and after January 31, 2022, ForwardHealth covers U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved over-the-counter (OTC) at-home, rapid COVID-19 test kits. Members enrolled in BadgerCare Plus and full-benefit Wisconsin Medicaid programs are covered to receive OTC test kits with no copay.

Pharmacy providers may use either a member's individual prescription to fill an order for a test kit or apply the [standing order](#) issued by Dr. Ryan Westergaard, chief medical officer and state epidemiologist for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

For more information on coverage for OTC test kits, providers may refer to ForwardHealth Update [2022-06](#), titled "ForwardHealth Coverage of At-Home, Rapid COVID-19 Test Kits."

In addition, providers are reminded that ForwardHealth allows pharmacies, including pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians, to administer the COVID-19 vaccine in accordance with the federal Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act.

For more information on COVID-19 vaccine coverage, providers may refer to Update [2021-09](#), titled "COVID-19 Vaccine Policy and Coverage Clarifications."

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