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FORWARDHEALTH COVERAGE OF AT-HOME, RAPID COVID-19 TEST KITS

Effective for dates of service on and after January 31, 2022, ForwardHealth is adding coverage of U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved over-the-counter (OTC) at-home, rapid COVID-19 test kits. Members enrolled in BadgerCare Plus and full-benefit Wisconsin Medicaid programs are eligible for OTC test kits with no copay required.

ForwardHealth coverage of FDA-approved at-home, rapid COVID-19 test kits is not available for members of SeniorCare. Under current state law and Wisconsin's program approval from the federal government, SeniorCare coverage is limited to drugs and vaccines only. Coverage is also not available for limited-benefit programs such as the Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program or the Wisconsin AIDS Drug Assistance Program. However, members of these programs can order test kits from the federal government that will be delivered to them through the mail.

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

AFFECTED PROGRAMS

BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

TO

All Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Attention: The policy change addressed in this ForwardHealth Update directly affects only Medicaid-enrolled pharmacies in Wisconsin.

The Update is being sent to all other providers and health plans for awareness.

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fulfills the requirement of a prescription for all Medicaid members to obtain FDA-authorized COVID-19 at-home, rapid test kits. It further authorizes providers to dispense such tests to Medicaid members to the extent a prescription is required, including for insurance coverage, under the pharmacy benefit. Prior to dispensing an at-home, rapid COVID-19 test kit, the provider should direct the member to review the manufacturer's instructions for use and/or procedures specified in the FDA authorization.

Requirements for a Valid Prescription

Any prescription for members, including those based on standing orders, must be documented according to Wis. Admin. Code § [DHS 107.02\(2m\)](#) (b). For documentation purposes, "the prescriber's MA provider number" in Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 107.02(2m)(b) refers to that of the provider who authored the standing order. Providers must follow licensure scope of practice requirements when delegating dispensing or treatment authority per standing order.

At-Home, Rapid COVID-19 Test Kits Billed to the Pharmacy Benefit

Providers who submit pharmacy claims to ForwardHealth may bill for at-home, rapid COVID-19 tests dispensed to members enrolled in BadgerCare Plus and full-benefit Wisconsin Medicaid programs. ForwardHealth will cover at-home, rapid COVID-19 test kits with a limit of eight tests per member per month. Providers may not collect copays for at-home, rapid COVID-19 test kits.

~~Medicare does not currently pay for at-home, rapid COVID-19 tests at this time. As such, providers may also submit claims to ForwardHealth for at-home, rapid COVID-19 tests for dual-eligible members. Effective April 4, 2022, Medicare covers at-home, rapid COVID-19 tests for members with Medicare Part B. As such, claims for dual-eligible members will be denied.~~ Members with primary commercial insurance coverage received federally regulated at-home, rapid COVID-19 test kit coverage with no cost share, effective January 15, 2022. Therefore, claims for members with primary commercial coverage will be denied.

ForwardHealth cannot reimburse for any at-home, rapid COVID-19 test kits purchased directly by members.

Reimbursement for At-Home, Rapid COVID-19 Test Kits

Providers will be reimbursed at the lesser of the at-home, rapid COVID-19 test kits' Wholesale Acquisition Cost (WAC) or the billed amount, plus a professional dispensing fee. If an at-home, rapid COVID-19 test kit does not have a WAC rate available, then the provider will be reimbursed at the lesser

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of the maximum allowable fee of \$12 per test or the billed amount, plus a professional dispensing fee. As a reminder, providers are required to bill their usual and customary charges for pharmaceutical items, disposable medical supplies, and Medication Therapy Management for services provided. Covered services are reimbursed at the lower of the provider's usual and customary charge or the maximum allowable fee established by DHS.

For more information about usual and customary charges, providers may refer to the Usual and Customary Charges topic ([#517](#)) of the ForwardHealth Online Handbook.

Submitting Claims for At-Home, Rapid COVID-19 Test Kits

Providers are required to submit pharmacy claims for at-home, rapid COVID-19 test kits with correct National Drug Codes (NDCs) for the product dispensed. For more information about submitting pharmacy claims, providers may refer to the Submission chapter of the Claims section of the Pharmacy service area of the Online Handbook.

Below is the list of OTC at-home, rapid COVID-19 test kit NDCs approved by the FDA and added for coverage, effective January 31, 2022. New NDC codes will continue to be added to the [ForwardHealth Drug Search Tool](#) on the ForwardHealth Portal as they become available. For additional billing questions, contact Provider Services at 800-947-9627.

NATIONAL DRUG CODE	LABEL NAME
08337000158	InteliSwab COVID-19 Rapid Test
11877001140	BinaxNOW COVID-19 AG Self-Test
14613033967	QuickVue At-Home COVID-19 Test
14613033968	QuickVue At-Home COVID-19 Test
14613033972	QuickVue At-Home COVID-19 Test
56362000589	iHEALTH COVID-19 AG Rapid Test
56362000590	iHEALTH COVID-19 AG Rapid Test
56362000596	iHEALTH COVID-19 AG Rapid Test
56964000000	Ellume COVID-19 Home Test
82607066026	FlowFlex COVID-19 AG Home Test
82607066027	FlowFlex COVID-19 AG Home Test
82607066028	FlowFlex COVID-19 AG Home Test
82607066047	FlowFlex COVID-19 AG Home Test

Quantity Limit Override

If medically necessary, the eight-test-per-month quantity limit can be overridden with an authorization from the Drug Authorization and Policy Override (DAPO) Center. For example, if a prescriber wants a member to test

CONTACT INFORMATION

DAPO Center,
800-947-9627

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more frequently and prescribed such for a member, the DAPO Center could override the quantity limit of eight tests per month. Pharmacy providers may contact the DAPO Center to obtain an override for the member to receive more test kits each month.

Member Communication

To assist pharmacy providers dispensing test kits, they can refer to the [Attachment](#) of this ForwardHealth Update for a flyer that can be posted to help answer member questions about what they need to obtain a test kit under their BadgerCare Plus and full-benefit Wisconsin Medicaid program coverage. **This Attachment has been revised as of April 29, 2022.**

Documentation Retention

Providers are reminded that they must follow the documentation retention requirements per Wis. Admin. Code § [DHS 106.02\(9\)](#). Providers are required to produce or submit documentation, or both, to ForwardHealth upon request. Per Wis. Stat. § [49.45\(3\)\(f\)](#), providers of services shall maintain records as required by DHS for verification of provider claims for reimbursement. DHS may audit such records to verify actual provision of services and the appropriateness and accuracy of claims. ForwardHealth may deny or recoup payment for services that fail to meet these requirements. Refusal to produce documentation may result in sanctions including, but not limited to, termination from the Medicaid program.

Information Regarding Managed Care Organizations

This Update applies to Family Care, Family Care Partnership, BadgerCare Plus, and SSI Medicaid managed care program members because pharmacy services for members of these programs are provided on a fee-for-service basis. Pharmacy services for Medicaid members enrolled in the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) are provided by the member's managed care organization.

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The ForwardHealth Update is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

Wisconsin Medicaid, BadgerCare Plus, SeniorCare, and Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program are administered by the Division of Medicaid Services within the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). The Wisconsin AIDS Drug Assistance Program and the Wisconsin Well Woman Program are administered by the Division of Public Health within DHS.

For questions, call Provider Services at 800-947-9627 or visit our website at www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/.

ATTACHMENT

Wisconsin Department of Health Services Member Flyer

A copy of the Department of Health Services member flyer is located on the following page.

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Are you a member of BadgerCare Plus or another full-benefit Wisconsin Medicaid program?

You can get at-home, rapid COVID-19 tests for no cost.

Members of BadgerCare Plus and most Wisconsin Medicaid programs can now get at-home, rapid COVID-19 tests from our pharmacy without having to pay. This new benefit makes it easier for you to test for COVID-19 without having to go to the doctor.

- ✓ **No cost**
There is no copay, fee, or cost if you are a member of BadgerCare Plus or most Wisconsin Medicaid programs.
- ✓ **No paperwork needed**
Just show us your ForwardHealth ID card.
- ✓ **Eight at-home tests**
You can bring home eight tests per person, per month. We may not have enough for you to get all eight at this time. Thank you for your understanding.

To get your at-home, rapid COVID-19 tests for no cost, come to the pharmacy counter.

We will need to check your ForwardHealth coverage. You will need your ForwardHealth ID card. You can show us your actual card or the digital copy on the MyACCESS mobile app on your phone.



It may take a few minutes. Thank you for your patience!

Who can get tests?

Members of BadgerCare Plus and other full-benefit Wisconsin Medicaid programs can get eight at-home COVID-19 tests per person, per month, without having to pay.

Who cannot get tests through their Medicaid program?

If you have other private insurance or Medicare Part B, ForwardHealth will not cover your test. Ask your private insurance company or Medicare how they can pay for the tests. Participants in limited-benefit programs like SeniorCare, the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), the Wisconsin AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), or the Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program (WCDP) cannot get test kits through ForwardHealth.