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TO: Providers of Pharmaceutical Services and Health Maintenance Organizations – **For Action**

SUBJECT: **Revised Policy for Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare Fee-For-Service (FFS) Coverage of At-Home SARS-CoV-2 Test Kits**

EFFECTIVE: **Immediately**

PURPOSE: To notify providers of pharmaceutical services of a policy change by the New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services to provide Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service coverage for at-home SARS-CoV-2 test kits.

BACKGROUND: To broaden access to SARS-CoV-2 testing under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the Division is expanding Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare coverage of at home SARS-CoV-2 testing kits.

ACTION: Pharmacists requesting payment for a SARS-CoV-2 test kit from the Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare Program must send a standard NCPDP D.0 claim transaction through the State's Point-Of-Sale (POS) claims processing system. Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare is the payor of last resort. Pharmacies should exhaust payment opportunities from all other insurance plans, including Medicare Part B and Medicare Part D, before billing test kit claims to the Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare Program.

Revised policy for at home test kit coverage:

- Two (2) over-the-counter (OTC) tests can be included per claim, without refills. A test kit may contain two tests.
- Up to eight (8) OTC at-home tests per month can be requested by a member at the pharmacy, without a prescription
- Additional OTC at-home tests, if medically necessary, may be provided with a prescription from a prescriber enrolled with Medicaid/NJFC.
- Quantities greater than 8 OTC at-home tests per month will require verification that a prescription was obtained. Pharmacies can call Gainwell Technologies at 1-877-888-2939 for assistance.

Please refer to the Medicaid Newsletter Volume 32, No. 01 for additional information regarding National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) requirements, reimbursement, and a list of covered test kits.

If you have any questions concerning this Newsletter, please contact the Gainwell Technologies Provider Services Unit at 1-800-776-6334.

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