



Medicaid Alert

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- TO:** Providers of Pharmaceutical Services – **For Action**
Health Maintenance Organizations – **For Action**
- SUBJECT:** **Updated Billing Procedures Regarding Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare Fee-For-Service Coverage of At-Home SARS-CoV-2 Test Kits**
- EFFECTIVE:** Claims with service dates on or after May 12, 2023 and prior to October 1, 2024
- PURPOSE:** To notify providers of pharmaceutical services regarding billing procedures related to coverage of at-home SARS-CoV 2 test kits after the federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) has ended.

BACKGROUND: In April 2022, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced their decision to provide coverage for at-home SARS-CoV 2 test kits approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries (see Medicaid Newsletter Volume 32, No.16). With the ending of the federal PHE on May 11, 2023, CMS announced that coverage of SARS-CoV 2 test kits shall continue without any cost share obligations for dually-eligible beneficiaries until September 30, 2024.

Some primary drug benefit plans, including Part D prescription drug plans, may not offer continuous coverage for the SARS-CoV 2 test kits between May 12, 2023 and September 30, 2024. Since coverage must be provided without cost share obligations during this period, CMS is requiring State Medicaid Programs to continue coverage of SARS-CoV 2 test kits for members denied coverage by their primary benefit plan for these test kits without any cost share obligation.

ACTION: POS claims for SARS-CoV 2 test kits with service dates on or after May 12, 2023 and prior to October 1, 2024 denied payment by a primary benefit plan, including Part D prescription drug plans, shall be eligible for reimbursement by the Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare program.

Policy regarding coverage of at home test kits:

- Up to 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.

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