

## **COVID-19 Test Coverage**

Starting January 15th, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (“FFCRA”) requires that Over the Counter (OTC) COVID-19 Tests are to be covered by health plans. To support these efforts, Southern Scripts has established a Direct Coverage Program for its members

### **What you need to know:**

1. [USPS COVID TESTS \(FREE\)](#)

The Biden-Harris Administration is purchasing 500 million over-the-counter at-home tests to be distributed for free to all Americans who want them, four test kits per household, starting in January 2022.

Click of the following link to order your free test kits from the United States Postal Services: [COVID Home Tests | USPS](#)

2. We will also support reimbursement of OTC COVID-19 Tests purchased outside of the Direct Coverage Program through our standard manual claims process:
- Complete an online form:
    1. [Visit https://portal.southernscripts.net/member/claim?direct=true](https://portal.southernscripts.net/member/claim?direct=true)
    2. Upload the receipt for the OTC COVID-19 Tests
    3. A claim must be submitted per covered individual for reimbursement
    4. A member may receive a reimbursement up to \$12 per test
3. Members will have the ability to present their pharmacy identification card to a contracted network pharmacy and they can then submit a claim for over-the-counter COVID-19 tests through their point-of-sale system, which will result in a paid claim no cost to members.

*Please note that this does not a) ensure a network pharmacy has tests available; and/or b) ensure the pharmacy has implemented operations to support claims submission; therefore:*

**OR** contact our 24/7/365 Customer Service team for assistance at (800) 710-9341 or email questions to [support@southernscripts.net](mailto:support@southernscripts.net).

### **Additional information:**

- This coverage is for 8 individual tests per month, not 8 boxes of tests, so there is no added benefit to buying larger boxes versus smaller ones.
- This coverage is only for OTC COVID-19 Tests and is separate from coverage requirements for COVID-19 tests ordered by a healthcare provider.
- The tests must be authorized, cleared, or approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
- More information and member specific communication materials will be forthcoming. For detailed information about OTC [COVID-19 Test coverage, we suggest reviewing the FAQs](#) <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/FFCRA-Part-42-FAQs.pdf>.

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