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## **COVID Testing Reimbursement Program**

### **Initial Statement**

**As of January 14, 2022**

#### **OVERVIEW**

To help address COVID-19 pandemic's recent surge, specifically the Omicron and Delta variants, WHA is following the Biden Administration's strategy for getting COVID-19 at-home diagnostics tests more widely available. The Administration is currently working on distributing 500 million free rapid tests to schools/public in coming weeks.

Beginning January 15, 2022, at-home over-the-counter COVID-19 diagnostic test authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will be covered at no cost for WHA members (with limits on reimbursement as allowed by regulatory guidance, see below)

WHA members who purchase an FDA-approved COVID-19 diagnostic test on or after January 15, 2022 will be able to submit a reimbursement request form, with a scanned receipt, for the actual cost, up to \$12 per diagnostic test. This is only available to active WHA members (ages two and up) with a limit of eight (8) tests per 30-day period. Member will need to save receipts and attest/sign that tests will be used for personal use, will not be used for employment purposes, and will not be resold. Reimbursement is only for FDA-approved, at-home test kits ([see full list here](#)). A claims reimbursement webpage will be available soon and will accept any receipts dated on or after January 15, 2022.

Plans are being finalized for a potential second way to obtain a COVID-19 diagnostic test at no cost from one of WHA's in-network pharmacies. WHA expects to launch soon the ability for WHA members to visit one of WHA's convenient, in-network retail pharmacies to obtain a free, at-home over-the-counter COVID-19 test kit(s). After the program launches, members with active coverage will simply show their WHA ID Card at the pharmacy counter and pharmacist will dispense the in-home test at no charge at time of pickup. There are hundreds of in-network pharmacies locations across our service areas. Test kits are limited to available stock on hand at pharmacy locations. To get a list of in-network pharmacies in your area: visit our [Find a Doctor tool](#), search for facilities and enter your zip code.

FDA List of Tests -- <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-emergency-use-authorizations-medical-devices/in-vitro-diagnostics-euas-antigen-diagnostic-tests-sars-cov-2>

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