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To: Coordinated care organizations (CCOs)

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Subject: Revision to Oregon Health Plan coverage of home testing for COVID-19

Effective December 1, 2021, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will no longer allow CCOs to require a primary care provider (PCP) order/prescription or prior authorization (PA) for COVID-19 home testing kits that include an internet connection or a smartphone for test interpretation. This change is limited to 4 tests per month. All other coverage requirements remain in effect.

Why is this happening?

OHA has determined that home testing with an internet connection or a smartphone for test interpretation is necessary for some Oregon Health Plan members to continue functioning in their daily lives. For example, these tests may be needed for a member to meet employment related COVID-19 testing requirements.

What should you do?

CCOs should continue to reimburse pharmacy providers for covered COVID-19 home tests; and update guidance and claims systems to remove any PCP ordering and PA requirements for home testing products that include an internet connection or a smartphone.

CCOs may continue to direct members to existing in-network pharmacies if adequate access is ensured. CCOs may also apply reasonable utilization management limits as described on page 2.

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact your [CCO Account Representative](#).

Thank you for your continued support of the Oregon Health Plan and the services you provide to our members.

Utilization management limits for COVID-19 home tests

For the purposes of determining the number of tests per month:

- One test is the collection and processing of one sample, regardless of package size or packaging directions.
- For example, a product that comes in a package with two tests and directs the user to use the second test 36 to 72 hours after the first should be counted as two tests.

Tests	Number per month	Limits allowed
Self-administered antigen tests authorized for OTC sale including tests that require an internet connection or a smartphone for test interpretation.	4	None. CCOs may not require primary care provider (PCP) order/prescription or prior authorization (PA).
Self-administered antigen tests authorized for OTC sale including tests that require an internet connection or a smartphone for test interpretation.	More than 4	CCOs may require PCP order/prescription and/or PA.
Home-sampled molecular diagnostic tests sent to a lab for analysis.	Any quantity	CCOs may require PCP order/prescription and/or PA.