Oregon Health Authority

Fee-for-service coverage of COVID-19 home testing policy update

Effective December 1, 2021, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will no longer require a primary care provider (PCP) order/prescription or prior authorization for COVID-19 home testing kits that require an internet connection or a smartphone for test interpretation. All other coverage requirements remain in effect.

- OHA will cover up to four units of self-administered antigen home tests FDA-authorized for over-the-counter sale without a PCP order/prescription or prior authorization.
- Additional units per month require a PCP order/prescription and prior authorization.

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 is counted as two tests.

Why is this happening?

Federal guidance issued August 30, 2021 requires that state Medicaid programs cover all COVID-19 testing products authorized by Emergency Use Authorization, including home test products.

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?

Bill OHA for covered tests dispensed to fee-for-service members. Bill the appropriate CCO for tests dispensed to CCO members. Pharmacies may use the pharmacy NPI *or* an enrolled pharmacist's NPI as the prescribing provider in NCPDP data field (111-AM).

Questions?

- **About pharmacy point of sale and prior authorizations for fee-for-service prescriptions:** Call the Oregon Pharmacy Call Center at 888-202-2126.
- **About physical health prescriptions for patients in a coordinated care organization (CCO):** Contact the CCO.
- **Patient questions or concerns:** Please share our Client Services toll-free number with OHP patients: 800-273-0557. Representatives are available Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.