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**To:** Oregon Health Plan (OHP) providers

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**Subject:** Update to fee-for-service COVID-19 home testing coverage effective December 1, 2021

Effective December 1, 2021, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has updated coverage of FDA-authorized COVID-19 home testing kits as follows:

- For kits that require an internet connection or a smartphone for test interpretation, OHA will now cover up to four tests per month without a primary care provider's (PCP) order or prior authorization.
- OHA may cover more than four units per month when ordered by the PCP as a necessary component of an individualized care plan.

All other coverage requirements described in [OHA's original announcement about COVID-19 home testing coverage](#) 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?

Please counsel your patients about this coverage change, and request prior authorization as appropriate.

### Questions?

- **About 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.

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