

OTC COVID-19 Tests for Home Use Pharmacy POS Coverage

Point-of-sale (POS) billing for FDA-authorized over-the-counter (OTC) COVID-19 tests dispensed for use by NC Medicaid beneficiaries in a home setting remains in effect for NC Medicaid Direct and all five managed care plans.

Coverage of one kit per claim per date of service is allowed up to a maximum of eight tests every rolling 30 days. The eight total tests could be mixed and matched between one-test kit or two-test kits to get a total of eight tests.

Because a [State Standing Order](#) is issued for the OTC COVID-19 test for home use, dispensing may be under State Health Director and Chief Medical Office Dr. Elizabeth Cuervo Tilson's National Provider Identifier (NPI), with or without a prescription issued by an active NC Medicaid enrolled provider. Alternatively, the claim may be submitted using the pharmacy's NPI or the prescriber's NPI if prescribed by a Medicaid-enrolled provider.

Pharmacies must follow the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) standard and use the National Drug Code (NDC) found on the package. Reimbursement is at an NDC-specific State Maximum Allowable Cost (SMAC). Copayment does not apply.

Covered test kits have a SMAC reimbursement. Effective coverage dates for NC Medicaid Direct claims and Managed Care Plans may differ. Please refer to the beneficiary's health plan for effective dates.