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IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT OTC COVID-19 DIAGNOSTIC TESTING

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To All Participants of the IBEW Local 701 Welfare Fund (**Actives and Retirees**):

Effective January 15, 2022, as part of the Fund's coverage of COVID testing, the Fund will now cover at-home and over-the-counter (OTC) COVID-19 diagnostic test kits at 100%, without a physician referral.

The tests will be covered under the pharmacy benefits provided by the IBEW Local 701 Welfare Fund through SavRx. For more information on how to receive OTC test kits, please contact SavRx at (800) 228-3108 or www.savrx.com.

If you purchase an at-home or OTC COVID-19 diagnostic test from a preferred provider, you will not incur any upfront costs for the test. You may contact SavRx to obtain a list of preferred providers. If you purchase a test from a non-preferred or out-of-network provider, the amount of reimbursement will be limited to \$12 per test.

If you purchased an OTC COVID-19 diagnostic on or after January 15, 2022, you may submit your receipt to SavRx to receive reimbursement.

Included is information on utilizing the SavRx benefit for obtaining reimbursement for or getting tests at point of sale through a network pharmacy.

FREE TESTS AVAILABLE THROUGH UNION WELLNESS CENTERS

Testing for COVID is also available at no cost through any one of the Union Wellness Center Clinics.

FREE TESTS AVAILABLE THROUGH GOVERNMENT WEBSITE

In addition, every home in the U.S. is eligible to order four free at-home COVID-19 tests per household direct from the Federal Government. These tests are completely free, and orders will usually ship in seven to 12 days. You can order your four free tests at www.covidtests.gov.

IMPORTANT LIMITATIONS

In order for the at-home or OTC COVID-19 diagnostic tests to be covered under the Plan, it must meet one of the following criteria:

1. The test must be approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), or
2. Be a test for which the developer has requested "emergency use authorization" under the Federal Food, Drugs, and Cosmetics Act, or
3. The test is authorized and used by a state to diagnose patients.

The Plan will cover up to eight tests within a 30-day period for each eligible enrolled participant in the IBEW Local 701 Welfare Fund.

This coverage excludes at-home or OTC COVID-19 diagnostic tests purchased for employment purposes or for public health surveillance. Coverage of OTC test kits, and all COVID testing at 100%, will last through the end of the nationally declared COVID-19 emergency period.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact the Fund Office.



Coverage for OTC COVID-19 Diagnostic Testing Kits

Recent guidance from the federal government has been released regarding the coverage of OTC COVID-19 testing and member cost share. Starting January 15th, 2022, members will be able to purchase FDA authorized at-home OTC COVID-19 diagnostic tests without any cost sharing. Your Plan is partnering with Sav-Rx to offer you direct coverage for OTC COVID-19 tests. You may obtain tests at a pharmacy that is in-network with Sav-Rx. The new coverage requirements were announced with little time for implementation. Your Plan will do its best to provide coverage, and it is anticipated that there will be necessary updates to facilitate coverage in the best manner possible.

Listed below are answers to some frequently asked questions.

Am I eligible to purchase OTC COVID-19 tests?

Yes, the plan will cover 100% of the cost of COVID-19 tests obtained at in-network pharmacies. If tests are purchased at any other location, you will be reimbursed up to \$12 per test purchased, subject to the limitations outlined below.

Is there a limit on the number of tests I can purchase?

Yes, the plan will cover reimbursement for up to eight tests per person covered by the plan per month.

Will this impact tests ordered or administered by a provider?

No, this does not affect COVID-19 tests that are ordered or administered by a provider. The eight-test limit applies only to at-home OTC COVID-19 tests. Tests ordered or administered by a provider will continue to be covered as they have been.

What are the limitations on the use of the tests purchased?

Tests must be for personal use and must not be used to satisfy any employment requirements (for example, providing a negative test to attend work). Tests cannot be provided to family members not covered under the plan, cannot be reimbursed by another source, and cannot be used for resale.

Are there specific tests or locations required for full coverage?

Yes, to obtain full coverage, you must obtain your test at a pharmacy that is in-network with Sav-Rx. If you obtain your test elsewhere, you will have to seek reimbursement for your out-of-pocket costs of the test, and the reimbursement will be limited to \$12 per test, or the actual cost, whichever is less.

How will I be reimbursed for purchases of tests?

For purchases made beginning January 15, 2022 and later, members should acquire and save itemized receipts that include the type of test purchased, number of tests included in the package, the date of the purchase, and the purchase price. Members should also be prepared to provide the UPC code of the test purchased, and to attest to details regarding eligibility for coverage of the test.

How do I submit a claim for an OTC COVID-19 test for reimbursement?

You can fill out a form for reimbursement online at <https://www.savrx.com/?Link=CovidForm>. To download the form, type the group number listed on your pharmacy card into the space provided on the website. Then click the button "Get Form." The steps to submit the form are listed on reimbursement form. After the form has been completed, it can be submitted via e-mail to covidtest@savrx.com or by mail to Sav-Rx at 224 N. Park Ave., Fremont, NE 68025.

Will at-home test results be accepted by schools and/or employers?

While the at-home tests can be a valuable tool in stopping the spread of COVID-19, the results will generally not be accepted by schools, employers, or other institutions that require proof of a negative test. Further, the Plan does not provide coverage for tests for employment purposes.

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