




**State of Louisiana**  
Louisiana Department of Health  
Bureau of Health Services Financing

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 2, 2022

**TO:** All Louisiana Medicaid Prescribing Providers and Pharmacists

**FROM:** Patrick Gillies, Medicaid Executive Director 

**SUBJECT:** Louisiana Medicaid Pharmacy Coverage Update: FDA Authorized OTC At Home COVID-19 Tests

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and Public Health Emergency (PHE), and COVID-19 delta and omicron variant spread, the Louisiana Medicaid Fee for Service (FFS) Pharmacy Program and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) will expand the NDC list for coverage of FDA authorized OTC at home COVID-19 tests. This memo will give billing information for pharmacy claims submitted to FFS Medicaid and Louisiana Medicaid MCOs (Aetna, AmeriHealth Caritas, Healthy Blue, Louisiana Healthcare Connections, and UnitedHealthcare).

**FDA Authorized OTC At Home COVID-19 Tests (See Billing Charts on Pages 3-4)**

On January 26, 2022, the Pharmacy Program implemented coverage for FDA authorized OTC at home COVID-19 tests, with an effective date of January 17, 2022. The purpose of this update is to add coverage for new NDCs for FDA authorized OTC at home COVID-19 tests.

This will allow coverage of tests with prescriptions from prescribers and tests authorized by pharmacists and/or pharmacies. Federal regulations and applicable state laws require that third-party carrier(s) be billed first before Medicaid is billed. There will be **no copay** assessed for OTC at home FDA authorized COVID-19 Tests.

If you have questions about the content of this memo, you may contact the FFS pharmacy help desk by phone at (800) 437-9101.

If you have questions about pharmacy claims billing, you may contact the appropriate plan at their pharmacy help desk listed in the chart below.

<b>Healthcare Provider</b>	<b>Pharmacy Help Desk</b>	<b>Pharmacy Help Desk Phone Number</b>
Aetna	CVS Health	(855) 364-2977
AmeriHealth Caritas	PerformRx	(800) 684-5502
Fee for Service	Gainwell Technologies	(800) 648-0790
Healthy Blue	CVS	(833) 236-6194
Louisiana Healthcare Connections	CVS Caremark	(800) 311-0543
UnitedHealthcare	Optum Rx	(866) 328-3108

Please forward this notice to other providers to assist with notification. Your continued cooperation and support of the Louisiana Medicaid Program efforts to coordinate care and improve health are greatly appreciated.

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Enclosures (2)

**Billing Chart**

The following fields will be required as part of the Point of Sale (POS) claim:

<b>NCPDP Field Number</b>	<b>NCPDP Field Name</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Comment</b>
407-D7	Product/Service ID	<b>COVID-19 Test:</b> 11 Digit UPC	<b>COVID-19 Test:</b> UPC
409-D9	Ingredient Cost	<b>COVID-19 Test:</b> \$0.00 or \$0.01	<b>COVID-19 Test:</b> Bill a value of \$0.00 with a Basis of Cost Determination of 15 when the product is free to the pharmacy. Bill a value of \$0.01 with a Basis of Cost Determination of 1 when the product is not free to the pharmacy.
420-DK	Submission Clarification Code (SCC)	<b>COVID-19 Test:</b> 42	<b>COVID-19 Test:</b> Populate with 42 when prescribing provider is a pharmacist or pharmacy. SCC code 42 does not bypass enrollment requirements.
423-DN	Basis of Cost Determination	<b>COVID-19 Test:</b> 15 or 1	<b>COVID-19 Test:</b> A value of "15" (free product or no associated cost=\$0.00) or a value of "1" with an ingredient cost $\geq$ \$0.01.
411-DB	Prescriber ID	Prescriber/ Pharmacist/ Pharmacy Medicaid Number or NPI	<b>COVID-19 Test:</b> Enter the Prescriber's LA Medicaid Issued Number or NPI <b>OR</b> in the Absence of a Prescription from a Prescriber, the Pharmacist's or Pharmacy's LA Medicaid Issued Number (FFS Only) or NPI
558-AW	Flat Sales Tax Paid	\$0.10	Add provider fee of \$0.10.
442-E7	Quantity Dispensed	<b>COVID-19 Test:</b> Single packs (1) or multi-pack test kits (2 tests);	<b>COVID-19 Test:</b> The quantity limit is 4 packs of 2 or 8 COVID-19 tests per 30 rolling days.
444-E9	Provider ID	Pharmacist Medicaid Number (FFS Only) or NPI	The Pharmacist's LA Medicaid Issued Number (FFS Only) or NPI
465-EY	Provider ID Qualifier	05 07	NPI State Issued (FFS Only)

Note: The Fee for Service dispensing fee is \$10.99.

**FDA Authorized OTC at Home COVID-19 Tests**

<b>NDC</b>	<b>Drug Name</b>	<b>Effective Payment Date</b>
08290256094*	BD VERITOR AT-HOME COVID19 TST	02/01/2022
11877001140	BINAXNOW COVID-19 AG SELF TEST	01/17/2022
50010022431	CARESTART COVID19 AG HOME TEST	01/17/2022
50010022432	CARESTART COVID19 AG HOME TEST	01/17/2022
50010022433	CARESTART COVID19 AG HOME TEST	01/17/2022
16490002574*	CLINITEST COVID-19 HOME TEST	02/16/2022
00111070752*	COVID-19 AT-HOME TEST	02/02/2022
00111070772*	COVID-19 AT-HOME TEST	02/02/2022
56964000000	ELLUME COVID-19 HOME TEST	01/17/2022
82607066026	FLOWFLEX COVID-19 AG HOME TEST	01/17/2022
82607066027	FLOWFLEX COVID-19 AG HOME TEST	01/17/2022
82607066028	FLOWFLEX COVID-19 AG HOME TEST	01/17/2022
82607066047	FLOWFLEX COVID-19 AG HOME TEST	01/17/2022
56362000589	IHEALTH COVID-19 AG RAPID TEST	01/17/2022
56362000590	IHEALTH COVID-19 AG RAPID TEST	01/17/2022
56362000596	IHEALTH COVID-19 AG RAPID TEST	01/17/2022
08337000158	INTELISWAB COVID-19 RAPID TEST	01/17/2022
60006019166*	ON-GO COVID-19 AG AT HOME TEST	01/31/2022
14613033967	QUICKVUE AT-HOME COVID-19 TEST	01/17/2022
14613033968	QUICKVUE AT-HOME COVID-19 TEST	01/17/2022
14613033972	QUICKVUE AT-HOME COVID-19 TEST	01/17/2022

\*New NDCs added to the chart