

Over-the-Counter (OTC) COVID-19 Antigen Test Kits

Effective February 1, 2022, [Over-the-Counter \(OTC\) Emergency Use of Authorization \(EUA\) FDA-authorized, self-administered COVID-19 antigen test kits](#) became a pharmacy-billed medical supply benefit through Medi-Cal Rx, in accordance with current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations.

The following criteria applies for coverage:

- Restricted to 1-test-per-kit or 2-tests-per-kit OTC EUA COVID-19 FDA-authorized, self-administered COVID-19 antigen tests listed in the List of Covered Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) COVID-19 Antigen Tests, **and**
- Restricted to EUA for the diagnostic condition of suspected COVID-19 (Code 1 Restriction); **and**
- Restricted to up to 8 tests (4 kits for 2 tests/kit) per 30 days, per beneficiary; **and**
- No refills allowed; the beneficiary would need to obtain a new prescription for each dispensing; **and**
- Dispensed from a pharmacy, written (or electronic equivalent) on a prescription signed by a licensed prescriber or a pharmacist

NOTE: Prior authorization (PA) requests for quantities outside the allowed amounts will be denied unless ordered or administered by a provider following an individualized clinical assessment and with appropriate clinical justification provided.

In order to receive a test or test kit, the beneficiary must be eligible for Medi-Cal on the date of service. Please refer to the [Medi-Cal Rx provider manual, section 17.4 Over-the-Counter \(OTC\) COVID-19 Antigen Test Kits](#), on the [Medi-Cal Rx website](#) for additional coverage and reimbursement information.