

# IBA and OptumRx response to COVID-19 test kit coverage

## Coverage for FDA EUA-approved COVID-19 OTC antigen test kits will begin Jan. 15

On Jan. 10, 2022, the Department of Labor (DOL), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Treasury Department (“The Departments”) released a series of [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Part 51. This was in response to the Biden administration’s directive to issue guidance requiring group health care plans and insurers to provide coverage of OTC, in-home COVID-19 diagnostic tests.

According to this guidance:

- As of Jan. 15, 2022, plans and issuers must cover the cost of OTC COVID-19 tests, including tests obtained without a healthcare provider’s order or authorization.
- Coverage must be provided without cost-sharing (deductibles, copayments, and coinsurance) or prior authorization requirements.
- Plans must reimburse participants for the cost of the OTC tests per the plan’s claims procedures.

### IBA and Optum’s approach to support our clients

Beginning Jan. 15, 2022, OptumRx will **opt all clients into coverage of the FDA EUA-approved COVID-19 OTC at-home antigen test kits under the pharmacy benefit** at Walmart, which will be our Initial Retail Preferred Partner Network. We are looking to expand our preferred network over time as other retailers become operationally ready. Test kits not purchased through the Initial Retail Preferred Network will be reimbursed up to \$12 per test/unit.

- **Network:** OptumRx will apply coverage using the current network of OptumRx-contracted Walmart pharmacies to support your members in obtaining test kits with \$0 member cost-share effective Jan. 15, 2022.
- **Direct Member Reimbursement (DMR):** OptumRx will support manual claim processing as part of our standard solution.
- **Member benefit and coverage:**
  - A quantity limit of 8 units per covered member per calendar month will be applied across the entire list of EUA approved test kits included in the benefit.
  - Members will not require a prescription to obtain test kits.
  - Cost of test kits will not apply to member deductibles.

These test kits available for POS adjudication are provided below. The list will be updated on a regular basis as new products receive EUA clearance.

Product ID	Product Label
82607066026	Flowflex Kit Home Tst
14613033968	Quickvue Hom Kit Covid-19
14613033972	Quickvue Hom Kit Covid-19
56964000000	Ellume Cov19 Kit Home Tes
11877001140	Binaxnow Cov Kit Home Tes
08337000158	Inteliswab Kit Covid-19
50021086001	Ellume Cov19 Kit Home Tes
60006019166	On/Go Covid Kit Antigen
82607066027	Flowflex Kit Test

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