



## VEHI/BCBSVT FAQ on Obtaining at-home COVID-19 Testing

December 2021

### 1) How to get a no-cost, COVID-19 at-home antigen test kit (commonly referred to as “rapid” tests) at an in-network pharmacy:

VEHI members can now go to their local, in-network pharmacy, present their Blue Cross ID Card, and obtain an **FDA-authorized** SARS-CoV-2 antigen test kit at no cost. Members must have a **valid prescription** from a provider or request a prescription from the pharmacist.

If obtaining test kits for other members of your family, you must show **the ID card** for each family member. There is a **limit of 16 total tests** per member, per month. Many testing kits include 2 tests per package; this is generally 8 testing kits. Due to limited supply expected in December, some pharmacies may not have tests in stock.

### 2) How to get reimbursed for an FDA-approved, COVID-19 at-home antigen test kit (commonly referred to as “rapid” tests) that you purchased in December, 2021, outside of a pharmacy setting or if you live outside of Vermont:

During December, 2021, VEHI members (a) who purchased an at-home, FDA-authorized, SARS-CoV-2 antigen test kit **outside a pharmacy setting**, such as from Amazon or other online/non-medical retailers, or (b) who purchased an FDA-authorized, SARS-CoV-2 antigen test kit outside of Vermont because **they live out of state**, may submit a [Member Medical Claim Form](#) requesting reimbursement.

**Note:** Any future FDA-authorized SARS-CoV-2 antigen test kits purchased **on or after January 1, 2022**, need to be obtained directly through an **in-network pharmacy**.

### 3) Tips for seeking reimbursement for an at-home, COVID-19 antigen test kit that you purchased from December 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021:

1. Before submitting a Member Medical claim form, [see if your test qualifies](#). VEHI is covering **only FDA-authorized SARS-CoV-2 antigen test kits** that have Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). **Note:** Test kits that do not have EUA or are taken at home but sent to the lab for processing are **NOT** eligible for reimbursement at this time.
2. Complete the [Member Medical Claim Form](#) using the quick reference information below:

- **Provider Information:**

- **Provider and Practice/Facility Name:** Name of retailer, vendor or practice
- **Provider’s Phone:** Phone number, if known



- **Ordering or Referring Provider and State Located:** Not applicable
- **Provider's Address:** Address of retailer, if known
- **Provider's ID Numbers:** Not applicable

● **Claim Information:**

- **Description of Service:** COVID-19 Rapid At-Home Test
- **Procedure Code:** 87426
- **Modifier:** -CG
- **Diagnosis code:** Z20.822
- **Charge:** List the amount paid excluding any additional charges such as tax, postage, or shipping and handling.
- **Units:** While VEHI is covering up to 8 tests kits per member, per month (16 total tests), the Blue Cross claims processing system allows **only 3 kits to be billed on a single date**. **If you've purchased more than 3 kits on a single day, please split the purchase into 3 lines, with the first line listing the date of purchase and the next two lines listing subsequent days. Example: A member purchases 8 test kits on December 15.** The claim should be entered as:
  - Line 1: 12/15/21 – 3 units
  - Line 2: 12/16/21 – 3 units
  - Line 3: 12/17/21 – 2 units
- **POS:** 12

3. Members can submit a claim **by fax or mail**; however, the quickest and easiest method is to submit through the Blue Cross [Member Resource Center](#).
4. Finally, don't forget to include **a copy of your receipt** with the claim form.

### Sources of Additional Information

- For more information about the coverage of COVID-19 at-home antigen test kits, please visit the [Reference Page](#) on the Department of Financial Regulation website or contact Blue Cross Customer Service at 1-800-344-6690.
- VEHI will update you through our [Campaign Monitor](#) communications and Blue Cross will also keep information updated on its [COVID-19 Updates](#) page.

### How to help the Vermont Department of Health Keep All of Us Safe from COVID

The Vermont Department of Health is asking community members to [confidentially report results](#) for more accurate representation of active COVID-19 cases in the community.