



PROVIDER *bulletin*

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Billing Guide for OTC COVID Tests

Dear Pharmacy:

Kern Family Health Care (KFHC) would like to share with you the latest information regarding coverage of self-administered COVID-19 antigen tests.

Effective February 1, 2022, Over-the-Counter (OTC) Emergency Use of Authorization (EUA) U.S. Federal Drug Administration (FDA)-authorized, self-administered COVID-19 antigen test kits can be billed and reimbursed as a pharmacy-billed medical supply benefit through Medi-Cal Rx in accordance with current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations.

Criteria regarding the coverage is spelled out in a bulletin published by DHCS on 1/26/2022.

To view the full document, go to the following link:

https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/cms/medicalrx/static-assets/documents/provider/bulletins/2022.01_A_COVID-19_EUA_FDA-Authorized_Antigen_Tests.pdf

The link to the list of covered tests may be viewed at the link below:

https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/cms/medicalrx/static-assets/documents/provider/forms-and-information/Covered_EUA_COVID-19_Antigen_Tests.xlsx

We appreciate your cooperation as we work together through this transition. We want to thank you again for the valuable service you provide to our members. If you have any questions, please contact your Provider Relations Representative at 661-664-5000.

Sincerely,

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