

SISC Health Members: On January 10th, the Biden Administration announced that it will require insurance companies and group health plans to cover the cost of at-home COVID-19 tests for the remainder of the public health emergency. Effective January 15, 2022, the SISC health plans are covering over-the-counter (OTC) FDA authorized COVID-19 tests purchased for personal use. The OTC COVID-19 test kits will be covered at a reimbursement rate of up to \$12 per test, with a limit of eight tests per covered individual every 30 days.

SISC Blue Shield Members:

- Navitus Health Solutions will be providing reimbursement through the SISC pharmacy benefit. The Direct Member Reimbursement (DMR) form and instructions are available at <https://www.navitus.com/Navitus.Web/media/pdf/OTC-Covid-19-At-Home-Test-Claim-Form.pdf>
- Demand for test kits has soared. There will likely be shortages of test kits available for purchase at pharmacies.
- If a network pharmacy happens to have test kits available, then members may get their test kits at the pharmacy counter with no out-of-pocket costs at the point of sale.

SISC Kaiser Permanente Members:

- Kaiser Permanente will reimburse members for FDA-approved rapid antigen home tests purchased on or after January 15th. Members may log into their KP.org account and submit a reimbursement claim here: [KP Member Reimbursement](#).
- Kaiser Permanente, like other health care organizations, has access to a very limited supply of tests. As the supply of tests increases, Kaiser Permanente is working to make them available to their members through a number of outlets, including mail-order. Visit kp.org/coronavirus for the most up-to-date information on supply, testing, and vaccinations.

Due to likely shortages of test kits available for purchase, we want to make members aware of other ways to get FDA-approved rapid antigen home tests:

- Every home in the US is eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests delivered to their home. Visit <https://www.covidtests.gov/> for more information and to order tests.
- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is providing up to 50 million free, at-home tests to community health centers and Medicare-certified clinics for distribution at no cost to patients and community members. A list of community-based sites that provide low or no-cost testing can be found here: <https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/community-based-testing-sites/index.html>

Additional information regarding federal government support for school-based COVID testing can be found here: [Testing in Schools Fact Sheet Jan 2022](#).