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Meijer and Walgreens added to Blue Cross and BCN preferred pharmacy network for at-home COVID-19 tests



What you need to know

Recently, we told you about new options available for members to obtain COVID-19 at-home tests that are authorized by the Food and Drug Administration. Members can obtain the tests at no charge.

One of those options, our preferred pharmacy network, has added Meijer and Walgreens to its network. This will further improve access to these tests for our members.

See below for a summary of current options for people who want to get an at-home COVID-19 test

Option	Who it's for	How to get it
Federal government's free at-home COVID-19 tests	Everyone	Go to <u>covidtests.gov</u> * or call 1-800-232-0233 to get four free tests per household.
Blue Cross and BCN's preferred pharmacy network	Blue Cross and BCN commercial members with our pharmacy coverage	Obtain at Walmart, Rite Aid, Sam's Club, Meijer, Walgreens and Kinney Drugs (out of state) retail pharmacies for up to eight free tests (per calendar month).
Nonpreferred pharmacies	Blue Cross and BCN commercial members with our pharmacy coverage	Fill out this form from our pharmacy benefit manager (located on bcbsm.com/coronavirus) for up to eight tests (per calendar month). Reimbursement will be for \$12 or the cost of the test, whichever is lower.

Important things to remember:

- Groups without pharmacy benefits through Blue Cross and BCN are not eligible. These
 groups must work with their own pharmacy benefit manager to set up a reimbursement
 process. These customer groups should be encouraged to communicate to their
 employees about how they can obtain a test at no cost.
- Reimbursement does not apply for tests used for employment purposes.

- Blue Cross will still cover other types of COVID-19 diagnostic tests if they are FDA authorized and determined appropriate by a qualified health professional.
- The new program does not include Medicare Advantage plans. Please visit the <u>senior</u> <u>COVID-19 site</u> that we've created just for our Medicare members to learn about how they can access COVID-19 testing.
- Our <u>reimbursement form</u> is used when members need to request reimbursement for COVID-19 tests in other instances. This includes:
 - COVID-19, PCR tests authorized by the FDA, and other FDA-authorized tests that require use of a lab
 - o At-home COVID tests that are ordered by a provider and FDA authorized

Action item

Share this information with your clients as needed.

Questions? Contact your Blue Cross sales representative or general agent.

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