

COVID-19 Over the Counter (OTC) At- Home Testing

San Francisco Health Service System (SFHSS) plan members, including those from the City & County of San Francisco, San Francisco Unified School District, Superior Court of San Francisco and City College of San Francisco will have their costs covered for U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) authorized or approved OTC at-home COVID-19 tests purchased on or after January 15, 2022.

Who is covered for at-home COVID-19 test kits?

Participants enrolled in the UnitedHealthcare® Group Medicare Advantage (PPO) plan will be eligible to get up to eight (8) individual COVID-19 test kits per covered participant each calendar month without a prescription.

Which COVID-19 test kits are covered?

Coverage includes OTC at-home COVID-19 test kits authorized or approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Look for an FDA Emergency Use Authorization label on the package. The most common tests are BinaxNOW™, i-Health®, IntelliSwab™, On/Go™, COVID-19 At-Home test kits (Roche) and QuickVue®.

Where can I get a test kit?

You can get COVID-19 test kits at no cost to you using your UnitedHealthcare member ID card.

Starting April 4, 2022 until the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) ends, Medicare has a new initiative that will cover up to eight over-the-counter COVID-19 tests each calendar month, at no cost to you.

You can get over-the-counter COVID-19 tests at any pharmacy or health care provider that participates in this initiative.

Check with your pharmacy or health care provider to see if they are participating. If so, they can provide your tests and will bill Medicare on your behalf. A partial list of participating pharmacies can be found at www.medicare.gov/medicare-coronavirus. Bring your red, white, and blue Medicare card to get your free tests (even if you have a Medicare Advantage Plan or Medicare Part D plan), but the pharmacy may be able to get the information it needs to bill Medicare without the card.

If you purchased a COVID-19 test kit from a store or online retailer before April 4, 2022, submit your purchase receipt(s) for a reimbursement of up to \$12 per test kit, for a total of 8 kits each calendar month.

To order free at-home COVID-19 test kits shipped directly from the federal government, visit www.covidtests.gov.

How do I submit a claim?

If you paid out-of-pocket for a COVID-19 test kit that you bought between January 15 and April 13, 2022, go to <https://covidtest.optumrx.com/covid-test-reimbursement> to submit a claim.

Is there a limit to how many COVID-19 test kits will be covered?

Yes. Covered members can get up to eight (8) individual test kits per calendar month.

When can I submit my claim?

You can submit your claim now for COVID-19 test kits purchased between January 15 and April 13, 2022. Please submit your claim within one year of your purchase date.

How long will SFHSS cover COVID-19 test kits?

Coverage for COVID-19 test kits for SFHSS members enrolled in the UnitedHealthcare Group Medicare Advantage (PPO) plan continues to evolve. Sign in to your online account and check the COVID-19 Resources page to find updated information as it becomes available.

If there are other questions, please call the number on the back of UnitedHealthcare member ID card.