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Pharmacy COVID-19 Test Kit Limits

Policy Summary:

The Vermont Medicaid program changed the number of over the counter (OTC) COVID-19 self-tests obtained per prescription at Medicaid enrolled pharmacies. Effective February 15, 2024, the number of tests allowed per prescription changed from 8 tests to 4 tests per prescription, every 15 days. This change will continue to allow 8 OTC COVID-19 tests every 30 days. Additional tests may be covered when medically necessary with prior authorization.

Vermont Medicaid enrolled pharmacists may prescribe COVID-19 tests within their scope of practice. More information on testing and Medicaid covered tests can be found in the additional information below.

Effective Date:

February 15, 2024

Authority/Legal Basis:

[Medicaid State Plan](#)

Population Affected:

All Medicaid

Fiscal Impact:

The estimated gross annualized budget impact is a savings of \$310,000.

Public Comment Period:

The public comment period ended February 23, 2024. No comments were received.

Additional Information:

[Department of Vermont Health Access OTC Drug List](#)

[Vermont Medicaid Pharmacy COVID-19 Antigen Test Coverage](#)

[Vermont Department of Health COVID-19 Testing](#)