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Coverage Change for COVID-19 At-Home Over-the-Counter Tests

Policy Summary:

The Vermont Medicaid program is discontinuing coverage of over-the-counter COVID-19 self-diagnostic antigen tests in the pharmacy benefit.

Effective October 1, 2024, the Vermont Medicaid program no longer provides coverage for at-home COVID-19 antigen tests in the pharmacy benefit program. Coverage will remain in place for COVID-19 tests administered by Medicaid enrolled providers including in a medical provider's office, or clinic, or as inpatient or outpatient hospital services.

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 required a coverage period for all types of COVID-19 tests, including at-home COVID-19 tests, from March 11, 2021, through September 30, 2024. This was submitted to CMS as a time limited State Plan Amendment (SPA# 23-0013) and noticed in [GCR 23-027](#).

Effective Date:

October 1, 2024

Authority/Legal Basis:

[Medicaid State Plan](#)

Population Affected:

All Medicaid

Fiscal Impact:

The estimated gross annualized budget impact is a savings of \$374,670.

Public Comment Period:

The public comment period ended September 24, 2024. A [summary of comments received and the state response to comments](#) can be viewed here.

Additional Information:

[Vermont Medicaid Provider Information and Fee Schedule](#)

[Testing for COVID-19 information from the Centers for Disease Control.](#)