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# Global Commitment Register

August 23, 2024

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GCR 24-102  
PROPOSED

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

### **Policy Summary:**

The Vermont Medicaid program proposes to discontinue coverage of over-the-counter COVID-19 self-diagnostic antigen tests in the pharmacy benefit at the end of the COVID-19 coverage period.

Effective October 1, 2024, the Vermont Medicaid program will no longer provide 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:**

August 23, 2024 – September 24, 2024

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**Additional Information:**

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

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