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Re: Response to Public Comments for Global Commitment Register notice [GCR 24-102 Coverage Change for COVID-19 At-Home Over-the-Counter Tests](#)

The Agency of Human Services (AHS) response to public comments on this change, as well as a summary of the comments received is included below. AHS received five comments from individuals on this coverage change.

Summary of Comments Received:

The comments submitted oppose the end of Vermont Medicaid coverage for at home COVID-19 testing. Reasons include concerns about the spread of COVID-19, a lack of access to free testing, the cost burden of testing, barriers to obtaining tests from medical providers, and the impact on vulnerable populations.

AHS Response: Vermont Medicaid reviewed the comments received from the public. Coverage of at home antigen tests was a temporary requirement during the COVID-19 public health emergency and one year afterwards, ending on September 30, 2024.

Vermont Medicaid coverage for at home COVID-19 tests ends on October 1, 2024., This is consistent with most health insurance plans which no longer cover at-home tests since the Public Health Emergency declaration for COVID-19 has ended.

Free COVID-19 tests are available from the federal government at covidtests.gov. Every U.S. household is eligible to order 4 free at-home tests. Additional tests may be available at community locations such as libraries or town offices, or for purchase at retail pharmacies.

Vermont Medicaid will continue to provide coverage 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.