



Over-the-Counter COVID-19 Test Kit Coverage

Effective January 15, 2022, the Ascend to Wholeness Healthcare Plans (the “Plan”) will cover over-the-counter (“OTC”) COVID-19 tests that are approved, cleared, or authorized by the Food & Drug Administration (“FDA”). These OTC tests will be covered without a healthcare provider order/prescription during the remainder of the public health emergency.

The Plan will cover up to eight (8) free OTC COVID-19 tests per member per 30-day period.

Ways to get an OTC COVID-19 test:

1. **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:** Starting January 19, 2022 every U.S. household will be able to order four (4) free at-home COVID-19 tests via the Federal government by going to COVIDtests.gov.

2. **EXPRESS SCRIPTS COVERAGE VIA REIMBURSEMENTS:**
 - a. Starting January 15, 2022, purchase the at-home OTC tests at any pharmacy or retailer, in-person or online (Amazon, Costco, Walmart, Walgreens, etc.)
 - b. Submit the receipt(s) to Express Scripts for reimbursement. Instructions are at <https://express-scripts.com/covid-19/resource-center>.

Per the Centers of Disease Prevention and Control (CDC), OTC tests may be used if you have COVID-19 symptoms or have been exposed or potentially exposed to an individual with COVID-19. Responsible use of OTC tests can help to decrease the spread of COVID-19.

NOTE: Over-the-counter (OTC) COVID-19 tests that are used for job-related requirements are not covered by the Ascend to Wholeness Healthcare Plans.