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Via email

Greetings,

Pursuant to the Rhode Island State Plan, Medicaid covers at-home COVID test kits. This authority is effective through September 2024. At the time this coverage was implemented, Medicare also covered these tests. For that reason, consistent with Medicaid cost-avoidance/payer of last resort rules, the Medicaid fee-for-service billing system was set up to deny claims for at-home test kits for individuals who also had Medicare coverage. As of the end of the Public Health Emergency on May 11, 2023, Medicare ended its coverage of at-home tests. Therefore, Medicaid is now able to pay for at-home tests for individuals with both Medicare and Medicaid coverage.

To expeditiously ensure access to at-home tests for dual-eligible individuals residing in nursing facilities and assisted living facilities, RI EOHHS has developed the attached template that your facility can submit to be reimbursed for at-home COVID test kits purchased on behalf of dual-eligible residents.

To receive this reimbursement, your facility must meet the following requirements:

- Reimbursement through the template is limited to dual-eligible individuals. Facilities must access tests at the pharmacy point of service for individuals with Medicaid coverage only.
- The facility must submit a copy of the prescription for the at-home tests for each individual for whom the facility purchased tests. This is consistent with the prescription requirement that applies for point of service reimbursement for these tests.
- The facility must submit a copy of the receipt proving purchase of the number of tests for which the facility is requesting reimbursement.
- Medicaid will reimburse facilities for each eligible test purchased after May 11, 2023.

EOHHS will reimburse at-home COVID tests up to \$12 regardless of brand and will pay for up to eight (8) tests per month per individual Medicaid beneficiary.

Please provide us with a completed template (attached) along with copies of prescriptions and receipts for all at-home COVID tests purchased on behalf of dual-eligible residents. Templates are also available on the EOHHS website: <https://eohhs.ri.gov/providers-partners/provider-directories/nursing-homes>.

Please submit templates monthly so our team can review and process the requests in a timely fashion. **No requests will be accepted after November 1, 2024.** Payment will be made to the bank accounts on file in the MMIS.

If you have questions, please reach out to the Medicaid Finance team via email (OHHS.MedicaidFinance@ohhs.ri.gov)

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Reimbursement Template

