



## **PUBLIC NOTICE FOR MARYLAND'S STATE PLAN AMENDMENT FOR COVERAGE OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF COVID-19 TESTING AND TREATMENT**

The Maryland Department of Health is amending the State Plan to assure coverage for the administration of COVID-19 testing and treatment during the mandatory American Rescue Plan (ARP) period that aligns with section 1905(a)(4)(F) of the Social Security Act.

Effective March 11, 2021, testing and treatment may be administered by providers for whom those services are within their scope of practice.

For at-home COVID-19 testing, Maryland Medicaid Fee-For-Service (FFS) provides coverage for a maximum of four over-the-counter tests every rolling 30 days. This count may be exceeded based on medical necessity. To qualify for coverage, the OTC test must be authorized under Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Emergency Use Authorized (EUA) and/or FDA approved. Maryland Medicaid rates for COVID-19 testing are consistent with Medicare rates for testing, including any future Medicare updates at the Medicare national average.

Treatment methodologies are established in the Maryland Medicaid Professional Services Provider Manual, which can be found at [health.maryland.gov/providerinfo](https://health.maryland.gov/providerinfo).

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