



ADVISORY

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COVID-19 Home Test Kit Coverage (2024 UPDATE)

This Advisory is an update to [Advisory 260](#).

Effective November 1, 2024, Maryland Medicaid will cover a **maximum of two (2) FDA-approved** tests every rolling 30 days. Coverage of additional test kits exceeding the quantity limit described above will require prior authorization. There will be a \$1 copayment for a prescription as per COMAR 10.09.03.05.

The Pharmacists can continue to order test kits until December 31, 2024. Effective January 1, 2025, all COVID-19 Home Test Kits will require a prescription.

This Advisory applies to Participants enrolled in the Maryland Fee-for-Service (FFS) program and Participants enrolled in Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) that participate in the Maryland HealthChoice Program.

In an effort to give timely notice to the pharmacy community concerning important pharmacy topics, the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), **Office of Pharmacy Services (OPS)** has developed the **Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program Advisory**.

To expedite information timely to the pharmacy and prescriber communities, an email network has been established which incorporates the email lists of the Maryland Pharmacists Association, EPIC, CARE, Long Term Care Consultants, headquarters of all chain drugstores and prescriber associations and organizations.

It is our hope that the information is disseminated to all interested parties. If you have not received this email through any of the previously noted parties or via MDH, please contact the OPS representative at 410-767-1455.