



PURPOSE

This standing order is intended to increase access to OTC COVID-19 at-home rapid antigen test kits for individuals in New Mexico. Testing for COVID-19 is an important public health intervention that allows for timely disease treatment and implementation of mitigation measures to prevent the spread of SARS-CoV-2.

AUTHORITY

This standing order authorizes any New Mexico registered pharmacist, in accordance with the conditions of their licensure, to dispense any FDA approved over the counter (OTC) COVID-19 at home antigen test kits to individuals in New Mexico. This standing order may be used when an individual's insurance would not otherwise cover such a claim submitted under the pharmacist's NPI number or without another prescription.

The purpose of this standing order is to ensure that those individuals can obtain OTC COVID-19 at-home antigen test kits, and to obtain the tests without any upfront out-of-pocket expenditure by the beneficiary, participant, or the enrollee if the individual has insurance.

This standing order may be used as a valid prescription for individuals physically present in New Mexico, to serve as a prescription for third-party payers, and to ensure increased access to OTC COVID-19 at-home antigen test kits. This standing order does NOT obligate the New Mexico Department of Health to cover the cost of the test in the event that a claim is denied or an individual does not have insurance.

ORDER AND DISPENSING PROCEDURES

1. INFORMATION AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Individuals who request a COVID-19 Antigen Home Test Kit and meet criteria as described under the Authority Section are eligible.

2. ORDER TO DISPENSE

COVID-19 Antigen Home Test Kit

Dispense: 1 box

Directions for use: Use as directed on package. Read instructions on the package labeling before using.

Refill: PRN

3. PATIENT EDUCATION

Prior to dispensing COVID-19 at-home antigen test kits, the pharmacist shall direct the patient to review the manufacturer's instructions for use found in the box.

The pharmacist may provide anticipatory guidance depending on the needs of the patient, guardian/parent, or patient's designated representative. Resources include:

- a. CDC Respiratory Illness - <https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/index.html>
- b. The pharmacist may also provide the New Mexico Department of Health Helpline for additional counseling or resources. Call: 1-833-SWNURSE (1-833-796-8773) Text: NMDOH (66364)

4. INSURANCE AND BILLING

For billing purposes, pharmacy staff will collect patient's insurance information necessary to bill insurance for an OTC COVID-19 at-home antigen test kit.

Insurance coverage and dispensing limits of barrier methods may vary based on policies of individual insurance plans. This standing order does not guarantee coverage.

5. PREVENTION OF FRAUD, WASTE AND ABUSE

This standing order for an OTC COVID-19 at-home antigen test kit is to be used solely for the individual for whom it is being prescribed. Billing to a health plan for anyone's use other than whose name is on the prescription is not allowed.

In accordance with the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), plans and issuers may act to prevent, detect, and address fraud and abuse. Examples of permissible activities may include the following: a plan or issuer may take reasonable steps to ensure that an OTC COVID-19 test for which a covered individual seeks coverage under the plan was purchased for the individual's own personal use (or for use by another participant, beneficiary, or enrollee who is covered under the plan or coverage as a member of the individual's family), provided that such steps do not create significant barriers for participants, beneficiaries, and enrollees to obtain these tests. For additional information, please visit:

<https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/EBSA/about-ebsa/our-activities/resource-center/faqs/aca-part-51.pdf>

6. RESULTS REPORTING

Reporting the results of COVID-19 at-home antigen tests is not required.

LIMITATIONS

This standing order does not establish the NMDOH or its clinicians as the healthcare provider for the individual. Individuals seeking more comprehensive healthcare should see a primary care provider.

This standing order does not expire and shall remain in effect unless revoked or replaced by New Mexico Department of Health. This standing order will be reviewed and updated as needed.



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Date:

Patient DOB:

Patient Name:

Patient Address:

Patient phone number:

COVID-19 Antigen Home Test Kit

Quantity: 1 box

Directions for use: Use as directed on package. Read directions on the package before taking.

Refills: PRN

Indication: COVID-19 home testing

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