



New Mexico Department of Health Statewide Standing Order for Registered Pharmacist to Dispense Over the Counter (OTC) Home Pregnancy Test Kits

Effective Date: 9/1/2026

PURPOSE

Access to reproductive health services is an important public health intervention that enables individuals to more fully engage in family planning that supports their personal health and wellbeing. The purpose of this standing order is to increase access to pregnancy testing for individuals in New Mexico by removing barriers to coverage if an individual has insurance.

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) home pregnancy test kit to individuals physically present 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.**

State law requires that insurers shall not require a prescription for any drug, item or service that is available without a prescription (NM Stat. § 59A-22-42).

ORDER AND DISPENSING PROCEDURES

1. INFORMATION AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Indication: Pregnancy testing is an important public health intervention that allows persons who may be pregnant to seek appropriate health care as early as possible.

Eligibility: Individuals of childbearing potential who request an OTC home pregnancy test kit and meet criteria as described under the Authority Section are eligible.

2. ORDER TO DISPENSE

OTC Home Pregnancy Test Kit

Dispense: 2 test kits

Refill: PRN

Directions for use: use as directed on package.

3. PATIENT EDUCATION

Prior to dispensing home pregnancy test kits, the patient should be directed to review the manufacturer's instructions for use found in the box.

The pharmacist may provide additional anticipatory guidance depending on the need of the patient, guardian/parent, or patient's designated representative. 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 the selected FDA approved home pregnancy test kits.

Insurance coverage and dispensing limits of OTC home pregnancy test kits may vary based on policies of individual insurance plans. This standing order does not guarantee coverage.

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 or visit an NMDOH Public Health Office – see www.nmhealth.org/location/public/.

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:

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Indication: Test for pregnancy

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