President Biden announced in December that at-home test kits would be covered under our Aetna plan with guidelines released by January 15, 2022. Guidelines were released yesterday to Aetna.

Aetna will release more information on "how" they will administer benefits for the at home test kits soon, and we are hoping to have that information by Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. We will forward the details as soon as they are available.

## Important things to know as of right now:

- 1. This is effective January 15, 2022 (no end date as of yet).
- 2. Non-physician ordered, beginning January 15, 2022, individuals with private health insurance coverage or covered by a group health plan who purchase an over-the-counter COVID-19 diagnostic test authorized, cleared, or approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will be able to have those test costs covered by their plan or insurance. Insurance companies and health plans are required to cover 8 free over-the-counter at-home tests per covered individual per month. That means a family of four, all on the same plan, would be able to get up to 32 of these tests covered by their health plan per month.
- 3. Physician ordered home test kits There is no limit on the number of tests, including athome tests, that are covered if ordered or administered by a health care provider following an individualized clinical assessment, including for those who may need them due to underlying medical conditions. Test kits must still be FDA Authorized, cleared, or approved.
- 4. The list of FDA approved tests is pretty extensive but can be found at the FDA link.

  <a href="https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-covid-19-and-medical-devices/covid-19-tests-and-collection-kits-authorized-fda-infographic">https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/covid-19-and-medical-devices/covid-19-tests-and-collection-kits-authorized-fda-infographic</a>

We know everyone is anxious for more information and we promise we will send it just as soon as I have it, thank you for your partnership and your patience.

Aetna's website has wonderful information for Covid-19 information for you and your families. https://www.aetna.com/individuals-families.html

Please click on the Covid-19 resources tab for vaccine resources, testing resources, and many more valuable information to help you and your family.

https://www.aetna.com/individuals-families/member-rights-resources/covid19.html

