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## COVID-19 UPDATE

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Dear Participant:

In January 2022, the federal government released new rules requiring health plans, including the Motion Picture Industry Health Plan (MPIHP), to cover over-the-counter, at-home COVID-19 tests at no cost for covered participants and their eligible dependents, beginning January 15, 2022.

### **For Participants Enrolled in the Active Plan and Non-Medicare-Eligible Retirees of MPIHP:**

At-home, over-the-counter COVID-19 diagnostic tests may be obtained **on or after January 15, 2022**, at no cost through MPIHP's pharmacy benefit manager, CVS/Caremark.

Please note the following:

- A maximum of 8 tests per covered individual (participant and dependents) per rolling 30-day period will be allowed; this test limit applies even if multiple tests are included in one package.
- You may obtain tests at no cost at a **CVS Caremark network pharmacy** (see [www.caremark.com](http://www.caremark.com) for a list of network pharmacies) by utilizing your MPIHP pharmacy benefit at the pharmacy counter. Depending on pharmacy staffing, some network pharmacies may request that you purchase the at-home COVID-19 tests at the retail counter and submit for reimbursement. You may submit for reimbursement online at [www.caremark.com/covid19-otc](http://www.caremark.com/covid19-otc).
- You may obtain tests using the CVS Pharmacy website ([www.cvs.com/](http://www.cvs.com/)) or mobile app ([www.cvs.com/mobile-cvs/apps](http://www.cvs.com/mobile-cvs/apps)) and by clicking on "At-home COVID-



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19 tests". Once at either of these sites, enter your ZIP code and you will be provided with details on the closest store and product availability. You will need to provide your CVS Care prescription information online to order the tests. Once you receive a confirmation from CVS Pharmacy, your order will be waiting for you at the front store register.

- You may obtain tests at an **out-of-network pharmacy or retailer**. You will need to pay out-of-pocket for these tests, but may seek reimbursement for them. A maximum reimbursement amount of \$12 per individual test will be provided. In order to receive reimbursement, you will be required to submit a claim to CVS/Caremark at [www.caremark.com/covid19-otc](http://www.caremark.com/covid19-otc). **Please do not submit requests for reimbursement to MPIHP; they will not be processed or returned.**
- Only tests approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will be covered.
- Tests do not need to be ordered by a health care provider.
- Reimbursement for tests is limited to the duration of the national public health emergency period.

### **For Medicare-Eligible Retiree Participants of MPIHP:**

Effective April 4, 2022, Medicare-eligible participants can get up to 8 at-home, over-the-counter COVID-19 diagnostic tests per month at no cost at many national pharmacy chains. Below is a list of national pharmacy chains participating in this initiative:

- Albertsons Companies
- Costco Pharmacy
- CVS
- Food Lion
- Giant Food
- The Giant Company
- Hannaford Pharmacies
- H-E-B Pharmacy
- Hy-Vee Pharmacy
- Kroger Family of Pharmacies
- Rite Aid
- Shop & Stop
- Walgreens
- Walmart

### **Participants must show their original Medicare card (red, white, and blue card).**

Participants enrolled in the SilverScript Plan who paid out-of-pocket for at-home, over-the-counter COVID-19 diagnostic tests between February 23, 2022 and April 30, 2022 may still submit a claim to SilverScript online at [www.caremark.com/covid19-otc](http://www.caremark.com/covid19-otc).

A maximum reimbursement amount of \$12 per individual test will be provided; reimbursement requests will be accepted for three years after their date of purchase. Please do not submit requests for reimbursement to MPIHP; they will not be processed

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or returned. Only tests approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will be covered.

### **For Participants Enrolled in the Active or Retiree Plan of MPIHP:**

In addition, the federal government has established a website ([www.covidtests.gov](http://www.covidtests.gov)) where residential households in the United States can order free at-home tests from the United States Postal Service (USPS). Per the USPS' website ([special.usps.com/testkits](http://special.usps.com/testkits)), please note the following about an order:

- There is a limit of one order per residential address;
- One order includes four individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests; and
- Orders will ship free starting in late January 2022.

Also, please feel free to visit <https://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/> to view a list of more than 20,000 community health centers giving out free COVID-19 tests.

Lastly, please note that as MPIHP, CVS Caremark and SilverScript finalize their procedures for enacting coverage of over-the-counter, at-home COVID-19 tests, requirements and procedures may change. Please check this website regularly for additional information and/or notification of changes.

Sincerely,

Participant Services Center