



To: All Medi-Cal PCPs
From: IEHP – Provider Relations
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Subject: **2nd Round of Free At-Home COVID-19 Test Kits Available**

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has announced as of January 19, 2022, a 2nd round of COVID-19 home test kits is available for Medi-Cal Members who may or may not have taken advantage of the 1st round.

In-home test kits are available in two ways:

1. Free At-Home Test Kits Available Via Mail

Anyone with a U.S. residential address can request COVID-19 tests be delivered directly to their home through a new federal government website: <https://www.covid.gov/tests>. DHCS encourages all Californians to take advantage of this opportunity. There is currently a limit of **eight** (8) at-home tests per household.

To place an order, provide your name and residential address; no other identification, credit card, or health insurance information is required. Tests will be delivered in the mail through the U.S. Postal Service. According to the federal government, tests typically ship within 7-12 days after ordering.

2. Medi-Cal to Cover At-Home COVID-19 Tests Obtained at Pharmacies

Starting February 1, Medi-Cal will begin covering at-home COVID-19 tests obtained at pharmacies enrolled as Medi-Cal providers.

Coverage will be billed and reimbursed as a pharmacy-billed medical supply benefit through Medi-Cal Rx, the state's fee-for-service prescription drug system for Medi-Cal. **Providers do not need to submit a prescription for Members.**

Reimbursement for at-home test kits previously purchased on or before January 31, 2022, DHCS will reimburse beneficiaries the retail cost with a receipt, using the process outlined [here](#) or: <https://www.cms.gov/how-to-get-your-at-home-OTC-COVID-19-test-for-free>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the IEHP Provider Relations Team at (909) 890-2054 or (866) 223-4347.

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