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**TO:** All Providers Participating in MassHealth

**FROM:** Amanda Cassel Kraft, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth

**RE: MassHealth Pharmacy Coverage of Over-the-Counter Diagnostic Antigen Tests for SARS-CoV-2**

## Background

Testing is vitally important to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and to quickly diagnose COVID-19 so that it can be effectively treated. Over-the-Counter (OTC) diagnostic SARS-CoV-2 antigen tests for home use are convenient, efficient and accurate in rapidly detecting the presence of certain proteins on the surface of the virus that causes COVID-19.

On January 14, 2022, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) issued a standing order authorizing licensed pharmacists to dispense OTC diagnostic SARS-CoV-2 antigen tests (“at-home antigen self-test kits”) to any individual. This standing order authorizes licensed pharmacists to treat the standing order as a prescription for any such test.

Accordingly, MassHealth is issuing this bulletin to establish coverage for up to eight such at-home antigen self-test kits per member per month without prior authorization.

This bulletin applies to members enrolled in MassHealth fee-for-service, the Primary Care Clinician Plan and Primary Care Accountable Care Organizations, as well as Health Safety Net patients and Children’s Medical Security Plan members. Information about coverage through other MassHealth Managed Care Entities (MCEs) and the Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly is provided in MCE Bulletin 80.

## MassHealth Pharmacy Coverage of At-Home Antigen Test Kits

Effective January 14, 2022, the following at-home antigen self-test kits have been added to the MassHealth Non-Drug Product List and will be covered through the MassHealth pharmacy benefit.

- BinaxNOW
- FlowFlex
- IHealth
- Inteliswab
- QuickVue At-home

Test kits will be covered without prior authorization within the quantity limit of eight test kits per member per month. Note that test kits may be packaged individually or with multiple test kits in one package; the limit without prior authorization is eight test kits per member per month, regardless of how they are packaged (e.g., four packages containing two test kits or eight packages containing one test kit will be covered without prior authorization).

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Coverage of additional test kits exceeding the quantity limit described above will require prior authorization. Such requests will be reviewed by MassHealth on a case-by-case basis. As noted above, DPH has issued a statewide standing order that allows licensed pharmacists to dispense at-home antigen self-test kits to any individual, and to treat that standing order as a prescription for any such test kit. Accordingly, an individual prescription is not required for any such test kit.

Pharmacies will be paid the lower of the rates listed below or the Usual and Customary Charge submitted for covered at-home antigen self-test kits. MassHealth expects to codify this rate methodology in forthcoming amendments to Executive Office of Health and Human Services rate regulations.

<b>Product</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>NDC</b>
BinaxNOW	\$24.00 (box of 2)	11877001140
IHealth	\$20.00 (box of 2)	56362000589
Inteliswab	\$24.00 (box of 2)	08337000158
QuickVue	\$24.00 (box of 2)	14613033972
FlowFlex	\$10.00 (box of 1)	82607066026
FlowFlex	\$20.00 (box of 2)	82607066027

MassHealth anticipates adding additional at-home antigen self-test kits to the MassHealth Non-Drug Product List. Please continue to monitor for additions.

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