



DATE: February 2022
TO: All Business Managers and International Staff
FROM: Boilermakers National Health & Welfare Fund
RE: FUNDS FLASH – UPDATED INFORMATION For OTC COVID-19 Tests

The benefit information described below *is not* applicable for individuals who have coverage under the Fund's Medicare Advantage Plan administered through United HealthCare (UHC). These individuals can learn about the resources available to them at www.uhc.com/health-and-wellness/health-topics/covid-19.

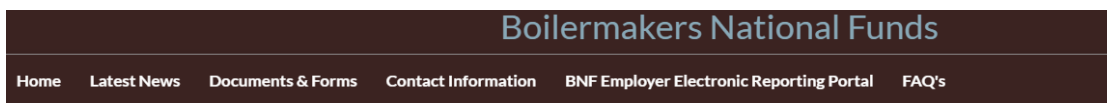
AS OF JANUARY 15, YOU CAN GET FDA APPROVED COVID-19 TESTS FREE AT PARTICIPATING PHARMACIES. PLEASE COMMUNICATE THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION WITH YOUR MEMBERS.

Individuals covered under the Fund's active and retiree plans can get up to eight (8) over-the-counter (OTC) tests per month for a \$0 copay in the following ways:

- **Free of charge**
 - By using your ESI pharmacy benefit to obtain tests at any covered retail pharmacy.
 - Online through the ESI mail order pharmacy www.express-scripts.com.
- **Claim reimbursement**
 - The Fund will reimburse up to \$12 per test to eligible individuals for OTC Covid-19 tests purchased – by submitting a paper claim to the Fund's Prescription Benefit Manager, Express Scripts (ESI) that includes the appropriate UPC number or an NDC number (national drug code). A claim form is attached and is available on our website (see below).

The claim form to request reimbursement can be found at:

- www.bnf-kc.com (Health & Welfare homepage); or



Health & Welfare

The Boilermakers National Health & Welfare Fund offers exceptional comprehensive health benefits. Our networks are comprised of providers and facilities that meet strict credentialing standards and deliver considerable savings for our participants. Our health benefits cover a substantial portion of the cost of medical, mental health & substance abuse, organ transplant, prescription drug, dental, vision and hearing aids. We also offer excellent long-term disability coverage. The combination of benefits helps to protect the health and livelihood of our participants nationwide.

Please remember that health benefits provided are generally self-funded and paid from the assets of the Boilermakers National Health and Welfare Fund. View the list of covered services below.

For a complete explanation of the health benefits available to you under the Boilermakers

QUICK LINKS

- [Summary Plan Description \(SPD\) for Active and Retiree coverage](#)
- [Coordination of Benefits \(COB\) & Information Verification Form](#)
(fill out and submit online)
- [Express Scripts COVID-19 TEST Claim Form](#)
(limited to 8 tests per eligible individual per 30 days)

- At www.express-scripts.com (after logging in, click on “Benefits”, then “Forms”)

Request reimbursement:

Submit a claim if you paid full price for medicine at a pharmacy because:

- The pharmacy did not accept your member ID card by mistake.
- You haven't yet received your member ID card.
- You had to buy medicine at a pharmacy outside your pharmacy network.

For example, you needed to fill a new prescription while you were on a trip.

[Start a Claim](#)

Can't submit your claim online?

You can download and print the [Prescription Drug Reimbursement Form \(PDF\)](#) and mail it to the address found on the form.

You can also [request a blank claim form](#) to be mailed to you.

Below you will find a list of Q&As that provide the most current information on how to obtain COVID-19 tests free of charge or receive reimbursement for tests purchased. This information and any additional updates will be posted to our website.

Q1. Do I need a prescription from my doctor?

A1. No.

Q2. Is coverage limited?

A2. Yes. Coverage is limited to 8 tests (up to \$12 each) per eligible individual within a rolling 30-day period. Each test counts as one test, even if multiple tests are sold in one package. For example, if you buy a COVID test package that includes 2 tests, you will have 6 free tests remaining. Note: This limit will not apply to coverage already in place for tests performed by providers and/or labs.

Q3. If I pay out-of-pocket at the time of purchase, how do I receive reimbursement?

A3. You must submit a paper claim and pharmacy receipt for reimbursement. If the COVID-19 Test does not process for \$0 copay at the pharmacy (and you have not used your allotment of eight tests per month) do not worry. You can submit a manual claim for reimbursement for COVID-19 at-home tests purchased at a participating pharmacy on or after Jan. 15, 2022.

To submit a manual claim, please visit <https://express-scripts.com/covid-19/resource-center> or the BNF website to obtain the reimbursement claim form. You will need to complete the manual claims form and submit it along with a pharmacy receipt to receive reimbursement.

Q4. Where do I send my request for reimbursement?

A4. Request reimbursement for each test purchased by submitting a completed claim form with a receipt that includes the NDC (National Drug Code) or UPC (Universal Product Code) for each test purchased to the following address:

Express Scripts (ESI)
 Attention: Commercial Claims
 P.O. Box 14711
 Lexington, KY 40512-4711

Sample UPC Code	Sample NDC Code
	

Q5. Do I need to purchase these tests from certain locations?

A5. No. However, to receive tests with a \$0 copay at the point of sale, you must purchase tests from a participating retail pharmacy (excluding Walgreens) at the pharmacy counter or through the Express Scripts mail order pharmacy. Tests can also be purchased from other distributors such as Amazon, Target, etc. but you will be required to request reimbursement, of up to \$12 per FDA approved test.

Q6. What OTC tests are covered?

A6. FDA approved tests for non-work related testing.

Q7. Are at home tests available online?

A7. Yes. Tests can also be requested online from the Express Scripts home delivery pharmacy at www.express-scripts.com.

Q8. Where can I find more information such as testing products and reliability of OTC COVID-19 test results?

A8. More information can be found online at:

- US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) www.FDA.gov
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) www.CDC.gov
- National Institutes of Health (NIH) www.nih.gov

Q9. Is the Federal government providing free tests?

A9. Yes. You can get free tests online from the Federal government at <https://www.covidtests.gov>. Each household is limited to 4 free tests.

To see a full description of the Plan's benefits and limits, please refer to the 2018 Evidence of Coverage and Summary Plan Description (SPD), as amended, or for individuals covered under the Plan's Medicare Advantage Plan, the United Healthcare Plan Guide available online at www.bnf-kc.com.