



## VEBA Alert: COVID-19 Testing Carrier Reimbursement Update

VEBA is continuing to monitor the new reimbursement policy for over-the-counter (OTC), at-home COVID-19 diagnostic tests, which became reimbursable by health insurance on January 15, 2022. Below is the latest reimbursement information from each of our carriers. Please visit our [COVID-19 resource page](#) for updates about reimbursements for COVID-19 tests.

As a reminder, all VEBA members are also eligible for the free at-home COVID-19 tests from the U.S. government. Each U.S. household can receive 4 rapid antigen at-home COVID-19 tests by visiting [covidtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov). The tests are completely free and will usually ship in 7-12 days.

VEBA Carrier	Update	Contact Info
Express Scripts (ESI)  (for UHC and UMR members)	<p>ESI members have two ways of getting their free at-home COVID-19 tests:</p> <p><b>Option 1:</b> Beginning this Friday, January 28, call a participating pharmacy to see if they have at-home COVID-19 tests available. You can see a list of participating pharmacies by visiting <a href="https://www.express-scripts.com">express-scripts.com</a> and click “Find a Pharmacy” or check the ESI app. Once you have selected the test, check out at the pharmacy counter. Your pharmacist will process the test for \$0 copay beginning.</p> <p><b>Option 2:</b> If the test was not processed for \$0 copay at the pharmacy, ESI members can submit <a href="#">a manual claim</a>.</p>	Visit <a href="#">ESI’s resource center</a> for the latest updates.
Kaiser	<p>Currently, Kaiser members can <a href="#">submit a reimbursement claim</a> for tests purchased on or after January 15, 2022, through the member portal. If there are two options for submitting a claim, members should choose “Submit a medical claim.”</p> <p>Kaiser is also working on making home COVID-19 tests available to their members, including through mail-order. More details to come.</p>	Visit <a href="#">Kaiser’s dedicated testing page</a> for the latest updates.
Cigna	Cigna members can fill out a <a href="#">reimbursement form</a> for OTC at-home tests purchased on or after January 15, 2022.	Visit <a href="#">Cigna’s dedicated COVID-19 page</a> for the latest updates.
SIMNSA	SIMNSA encourages their members to order free at-home COVID-19 tests at <a href="https://www.covidtests.gov">covidtests.gov</a> . SIMNSA will only cover COVID-19 tests prescribed by a licensed physician either in network or as part of an Emergency and/or Urgent care claim when ordered by a U.S. licensed physician.	Contact 619-407-4082 or <a href="mailto:info@simnsa.com">info@simnsa.com</a> with questions.