



New York State Medicaid Pharmacy Policy for Coronavirus Disease 2019 Testing

Effective October 1, 2024, with the expiration of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) and provisions in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), NYRx, the New York State (NYS) Medicaid Pharmacy program, will no longer provide coverage for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) testing when administered in a pharmacy or dispensed as a kit for at-home use. Coverage of COVID-19 testing will continue to be provided to eligible NYRx members when administered by a NYS Medicaid-enrolled practitioner in-office or performed by a clinical laboratory.

Additional information can be found on the in the eMedNY *New York State Medicaid Program – Physician Policy Guidelines* manual, located at: https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/Physician/PDFS/Physician_Manual_Policy_Guidelines.pdf.

Medicaid Managed Care

Coverage of COVID-19 testing will continue to be provided for Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) enrollees via their MMC Plan. Individual MMC Plans should be contacted for their specific reimbursement/billing guidelines, and/or documentation requirements.

Additional Information:

- NYS Medicaid billing questions should be directed to the eMedNY Call Center by telephone at (800) 343-9000.
- NYS Medicaid Pharmacy Policy questions should be directed to NYRx@health.ny.gov.
- MMC general coverage questions should be directed to the Office of Health Insurance Programs (OHIP) Division of Health Plan Contracting and Oversight (DHPCO) by email at covques@health.ny.gov or by telephone to (518) 473-1134.
- MMC Plan contact information can be found in the eMedNY *New York State Medicaid Program – Information for All Providers Managed Care Information* document, located at: https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/AllProviders/PDFS/Information_for_All_Providers_Managed_Care_Information.pdf.