

January 25, 2022

Dear Health and Welfare Member:

Over-the-counter COVID tests are required to be covered under the Health & Welfare Fund effective January 15, 2022, through the end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency as declared by the US Department of Health and Human Services.

These tests will be paid at 100%, no out-of-pocket cost to you. There is a limit of 8 tests per individual each month.

The Health & Welfare Fund does have to cover the cost of these tests. Please remember that this is a self-funded plan. This means that the contributions coming in from hours worked, retiree premiums and COBRA premiums must cover the claim costs.

The Health & Welfare Fund will only cover tests that are purchased for use by yourself or your dependents that are enrolled in the Health & Welfare Fund. Tests that are being used for employment purposes are not covered.

For coverage of over-the-counter tests, you will need to purchase them from a reputable retail or mail distributor and then submit your receipts, along with a copy of the test package and UPC number if there is no NDC or identifying information on the receipt. You will also need to complete and sign the enclosed claim form.

The federal government has a website set up as of January 19, 2022 where you can order 4 tests per residence at \$0. These tests are covered by the government, no cost to you or the Health & Welfare Fund. Go to www.covidtests.gov to request your tests. We recommend utilizing this site and ordering these tests so that you have them if needed.

The Local and the Funds also would like to verify that they have the correct phone number and email address on file. If you have not already done so, please call the office or go to the "Contact Us" tab to update your information. Please note that the email in the previous mailing was incorrect and should have been ".org" instead of ".com"

Sincerely,

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