



## CEMENT MASONS AND PLASTERERS LOCAL 797 BENEFIT FUNDS

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TO: All Participants of the Cement Masons and Plasterers H&W Trust

FROM: The Board of Trustees

DATE: February 2022

RE: Over-the-Counter COVID-19 Tests

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In response to the recent federal mandate, requiring group health plans and insurers to provide coverage for and/or reimbursement of Over-the-Counter (OTC) COVID-19 tests, The Board of Trustees is pleased to provide you with the following summary of changes to your prescription drug benefits through Elixir.

### **Coverage of Over-the-Counter (OTC) COVID-19 Tests**

**Effective January 15, 2022** and during the federal public health emergency period the Cement Masons and Plasterers Health and Welfare Trust will provide coverage for, including reimbursement of all OTC tests (also known as at-home tests or self-tests), purchased through pharmacies, retail stores and online retailers, without any cost-sharing, prior authorization or medical management requirements and without prescription or involvement of a health care provider.

The tests must meet the following requirements: (a) approved, cleared or authorized by the FDA, (b) test that received FDA authorization for emergency use, (c) state authorized test and state has notified the Dept. of HHS, and (d) other tests that the Secretary of HHS determined appropriate in guidance during the public health emergency period, to detect SARS-COV-2.

### **Quantity Limit**

As required by law, the medical plans will provide OTC COVID-19 tests without a prescription or provider involvement, of up to **8 tests per covered individual** (ex. Participant, Dependent Spouse, Dependent Child) **per calendar month**. In applying the quantity limit of 8, Elixir may count each test separately, even if multiple tests are sold in one package.

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## How To Get OTC COVID-19 Tests

### Separate Federal Government Provided COVID-19 Tests – Shipped To Your Home

Effective immediately, every family in the U.S. is also eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. To order the free tests please visit <https://www.covidtests.gov/>. Please note, at this time each residential home can only order one set of 4 free at-home tests. **This is a separate program available through the government and not through your medical plan.**

### Elixir Prescription Drug Plan

For all enrollees, **participants can purchase OTC COVID-19 tests in person at any pharmacy or online retailer.** Currently Elixir pharmacies are not able to process these claims and **you will be required to purchase the OTC COVID-19 testing kit and pay out of pocket.** You will be reimbursed the cost of the test up to \$12 per test. **Save your receipts and the UPC code as they will be required for submission of a claim through Elixir.**

If you have any questions about these changes or your coverage you should call the Plan Administrator at (702) 415-2190.