

FAQs for Commercial Plans

What if I still want to cover the OTC COVID-19 tests for our members?

A communication was sent to clients in April 2023, to inform of the coverage options for COVID-19 tests. Two coverage options were offered:

1. Full coverage: The plan will cover the entire cost of the COVID-19 test kits at approximately \$8-\$12 per kit.
2. Non-Preferred Brand: The member will be responsible for most of the cost of the kit.

Are COVID-19 vaccines still available at zero cost?

As of May 12, 2023, the COVID-19 vaccines with FDA or EUA status will roll onto ACA coverage for Commercial non-grandfathered plans. Under ACA coverage, the vaccines will continue to have zero cost in compliance with CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. Plans that are not required to follow ACA coverage will default to patient cost-shares for COVID-19 vaccine coverage. The administration fee will default to the plan's designated amount.

Can members still receive COVID-19 Oral Antiviral treatments after May 11, 2023?

The supply of government-purchased antivirals is expected to run out soon. Oral COVID-19 antiviral treatment with FDA approval or EUA status and deemed to be a prescription benefit, will be covered with patient cost sharing. As products are developed and approved, value assessment and utilization management may be considered for future formulary strategy and will be reviewed by Elixir P&T Committee. Notably, Paxlovid™ has a target FDA new drug application (NDA) approval review date in May 2023.