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## NOTICE REGARDING COVID TESTING

It's now almost two years since the Cement Masons and Plasterers Health and Welfare Trust first communicated with you regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, the pandemic continues and we are again reaching out regarding the importance of testing in mitigating the spread of the virus. Below we describe multiple methods for you to access At-Home Over the Counter (OTC) test kits at no cost.

**At-Home OTC Test Kits available from the Federal Government** - All Americans are now able to request free at-home COVID-19 tests from the federal government. Currently the limit is 4 OTC tests per household.

To request your free OTC Test Kits from the Federal Government, visit <u>COVIDTests.gov</u>. These tests are completely free to order, with tests expected to ship within 7 to 12 days. This website also includes a resource to locate any of the 20,000+ sites nationwide offering no cost antigen and PCR tests to everyone.

**At-Home OTC Test Kits available from Washington State** – Washington State has announced that it, too will offer residents free tests. The State advises 5 tests will be shipped to your home, free of cost within one to two weeks of placing the order. To request your free OTC Test Kits from Washington state, visit <a href="https://www.sayyescovidhometest.org">www.sayyescovidhometest.org</a>.

**At-Home OTC Test Kits covered by the Plan** - The Plan will also comply with recently released Federal government guidance requiring group health plans to cover 100% of the cost at-home OTC COVID-19 tests. This coverage is effective with tests purchased on or after January 15, 2022 and until the end of the National Emergency Period. The tests must have been authorized, cleared, or approved by the FDA and do not require a prescription or doctor's order.

Examples of FDA authorized, cleared, or approved OTC COVID-19 Antigen tests include, but are not limited to:

•	BINAXNOW COVID-19 AG SELF TEST	•	FLOWFLEX COVID-19 AG HOME TEST
•	CARESTART COVID-19 AG HOME TEST	•	IHEALTH COVID-19 AG RAPID TEST
•	ELLUME COVID-19 HOME TEST	•	QUICKVUE AT-HOME COVID-19 TEST

To obtain your tests at this time, you may use any pharmacy in the Sav-Rx network. It is recommended that you call ahead to confirm that the pharmacy has tests in stock. If the pharmacy has tests available, you should check out at the pharmacy counter and present your Sav-Rx member information. The test should be provided to you free of charge.

Please note that at this time Sav-Rx is working to ensure that its contracted retail and mail order pharmacies have an adequate supply of tests. Once the adequacy of the network is confirmed, all tests purchased at a non-Sav-Rx network pharmacy will be limited to \$12. Accordingly, it is important that you try to purchase you tests at a Sav-Rx pharmacy.

If that test is not provided to you free of charge, you will need to submit a claim form and proof of purchase. To expedite your claim, we ask you to follow these steps:

- 1. Purchase the tests from any available retailer and keep the proof of purchase (an original receipt or photo of the receipt), including the purchase price and date of purchase.
- 2. Go to <a href="www.savrx.com">www.savrx.com</a> and obtain the "Over-The-Counter (OTC) COVID-19 Test Kit Claim Reimbursement Request" form, which is located under "Reimbursement Forms." Use the Sav-Rx Group Number CM1602.
- 3. Complete the claim form and submit your claim (with receipt and photo) electronically to <a href="mailto:covidtest@savrx.com">covidtest@savrx.com</a> or a paper claim via ground mail to:

ATTN: COVID-19 Test

Sav-Rx

224 N. Park Ave Fremont, NE 68025

The Plan will reimburse the cost of 8 tests per month per covered individual in your household. Although tests may be sold in packages containing more than one test, each test is counted separately. Please note shipping and handling fees will not be reimbursed by the Plan.

Tests are available for all Plan participants, including those eligible for Medicare. The Plan will cover tests purchased for personal use only. Tests purchased for employment purposes are **not** covered.

Please take advantage of the free tests available to you from both the Federal and State governments and feel free to contact the Trust Office if you have any questions.

For more information regarding OTC COVID-19 tests, you may be interested in checking out the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) website.

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