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COVID-19 UPDATE

January 21, 2022

Dear Participant:

The federal government recently released new rules requiring health plans, including the Motion Picture Industry Health Plan (MPIHP), to cover over-the-counter, at-home COVID-19 tests at no cost for covered participants and their eligible dependents, beginning January 15, 2022.

For Participants Enrolled in the Active Plan of MPIHP:

At-home, over-the-counter COVID-19 diagnostic tests may be obtained **on or after January 15, 2022** at no cost through MPIHP's pharmacy benefit manager, CVS/Caremark.

Please note the following:

- A maximum of 8 tests per covered individual (participant and dependents) per rolling 30-day period will be allowed; this test limit applies even if multiple tests are included in one package.
- You may obtain tests at no cost at a **CVS Caremark network pharmacy** (see www.caremark.com for a list of network pharmacies) by utilizing your MPIHP pharmacy benefit at the pharmacy counter. Depending on pharmacy staffing, some CVS Caremark network pharmacies may request that you purchase the at-home COVID-19 tests at the retail counter and submit for reimbursement. You may submit for reimbursement online at www.caremark.com/covid19-otc.
- You may obtain tests at an **out-of-network pharmacy or retailer**. You will need to pay out-of-pocket for these tests, but may seek reimbursement for them. A maximum reimbursement amount of \$12 per individual test will be provided. In



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order to receive reimbursement, you will be required to submit a claim to CVS/Caremark at www.caremark.com/covid19-otc. **Please do not submit requests for reimbursement to MPIHP; they will not be processed or returned.**

- Only tests approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will be covered.
- Tests do not need to be ordered by a health care provider.
- Reimbursement for tests is limited to the duration of the national public health emergency period.

Please also note that there continues to be a nation-wide shortage of at-home COVID-19 tests due to extraordinary demand coupled with manufacturing and supply chain issues. It is highly recommended that you call the pharmacy first to make sure they have at-home COVID-19 tests in stock.

We expect access to tests to improve in the coming weeks.

For Participants Enrolled in the Retiree Plan of MPIHP:

Information about reimbursement for participants who are covered through the Retiree Plan of MPIHP is forthcoming.

For Participants Enrolled in the Active or Retiree Plan of MPIHP:

The federal government has established a website (www.covidtests.gov) where residential households in the United States can order free at-home tests from the United States Postal Service (USPS). Per the USPS' website (special.usps.com/testkits), please note the following about an order:

- There is a limit of one order per residential address;
- One order includes four individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests; and
- Orders will ship free starting in late January.

In addition, please feel free to visit <https://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/> to view a list of 20,000 community health centers giving out free COVID-19 tests.

Lastly, please note that as MPIHP and CVS Caremark finalize their procedures for enacting coverage of over-the-counter, at-home COVID-19 tests, requirements and procedures may change. Please check this website regularly for additional information and/or notification of changes.

Sincerely,

Participant Services Center