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**STANDING ORDER FOR OVER-THE-COUNTER COVID-19
AND/OR INFLUENZA AT-HOME TEST KITS**

CONTROL NUMBER: 2026-001

A) AUTHORITY

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:4-1 to -26, the New Jersey Department of Health is statutorily charged with preventing and controlling the spread of communicable diseases in the State.

This standing order is issued by the Deputy Commissioner of the Public Health Services Branch of the New Jersey Department of Health in his official capacity authorizing pharmacists practicing in the State of New Jersey and licensed by the New Jersey Board of Pharmacy, in accordance with their scope of practice, to dispense over the counter (OTC) COVID-19 at-home test kits, OTC influenza A and/or B at-home test kits, and OTC COVID-19 and Influenza A and/or B combination test kits (hereinafter "at-home test kits") that are authorized by the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) to an individual physically presenting to a pharmacist in the State of New Jersey.

This standing order may be used when an individual's insurance will not otherwise cover a claim for the at-home test kit absent a prescription for the test kit.

B) PURPOSE

To prevent the spread of COVID-19 and influenza in New Jersey, individuals must have ready access to at-home testing kits. Access to testing not only informs individuals when they have contracted COVID-19 and/or influenza so they may take appropriate measures to prevent transmitting the viruses to their family, friends, and the community, especially vulnerable populations, but also affords individuals who test positive for the diseases the ability to obtain timely treatment to prevent severe illness, thereby reducing the morbidity and mortality resulting from COVID-19 and/or influenza. Accordingly, this Standing Order is issued to protect and promote the health of individuals in New Jersey by increasing access to at-home test kits.

C) PROCEDURES

Indication and Eligibility

In accordance with the manufacturer's instructions specified in the FDA authorization.

Order to Dispense

Any OTC COVID-19 at-home test kit, OTC influenza A and/or B at-home test kit, or OTC COVID-19 and Influenza A and/or B combination test kit authorized by the FDA.

Education

Prior to dispensing an at-home test kit, the pharmacist shall direct the patient to review the manufacturer's instructions for use and/or procedures specified in the FDA authorization.

D) INSURANCE AND BILLING

For insurance coverage and billing for the dispensed the pharmacy will request the individual's insurance information. While the pharmacy will obtain the individual's insurance information, this standing order does not guarantee insurance coverage as insurance coverage and dispensing limits for at-home test kits vary based on insurance policies and individual plans.

E) LIMITATIONS

This standing order does not establish the New Jersey Department of Health, or its clinicians, or the dispensing pharmacy staff as a healthcare provider for the individual. Individuals seeking medical advice on COVID-19 testing and treatment should contact a primary care provider.

E) EXPIRATION AND REVIEW

This standing order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force and effect until modified, supplemented, superseded, or rescinded.

*New Jersey Department of Health
Issuing Official:*



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