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**Health Order to Administer *BinaxNOW* Rapid Antigen Test for
DMH Community Providers**

Purpose

To enable Medicare/Medicaid certified/licensed/contracted home health, mental health/substance use treatment and recovery providers and hospice providers the opportunity to test symptomatic or asymptomatic individuals in an effort to increase testing options available to the community through the use of the BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Card. The BinaxNOW rapid antigen card may be used to test symptomatic individuals or asymptomatic individuals considered a close contact of an individual with SARS-CoV-2, and who has remained in quarantine for a minimum of seven full days without symptoms of SARS-CoV-2. Symptoms are a new cough, difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell, fever ($\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$), congestion/runny nose, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, sore throat, headache, and myalgia.

Policy

This standing order authorizes any healthcare provider to test asymptomatic individuals with the BinaxNOW rapid antigen test. After receiving documented training, the designee of any aforementioned healthcare provider may also administer this test.

Procedure

1. Evaluate individuals with the above criteria
2. Provide Abbott Fact Sheet For Patients
3. Offer opportunity for questions
4. Ensure permission has been obtained
5. Administer the test pursuant to the Product Insert and Procedure Card
6. Document
 - a. Date, time, location of test
 - b. Name, title, and professional license number of person administering the test
 - c. Name of test and manufacturer lot and number
 - d. Results of the test
 - e. Presenting symptoms
 - f. Verification of signed consent form
7. After completing the required initial onboarding process established by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (“DHSS”), submit the required data and all test results via secure file transfer protocol in accordance with the procedure specified by DHSS within twenty-four hours of each test’s administration
8. In the event of a positive test result, immediately notify the designated point of contact at the local health authority in order for contact tracing to begin and appropriate control measures to be established pursuant to the statewide Order issued by DHSS on August 7, 2020.

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AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY / AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER: Services provided on a nondiscriminatory basis.

This order and procedure shall remain in effect until rescinded or until June 30, 2022.

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