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Purpose

To reduce the spread of SARS-CoV-2 virus by increasing the testing availability and capability of individuals who desire to purchase an Antigen or Nucleic Acid Amplification Test(s) (“NAAT”s).

Policy

This standing order establishes that any individual desiring an Antigen or Nucleic Acid Amplification Test(s) (NAATs) for SARS-CoV-2 shall be entitled to purchase such test(s) and shall receive coverage for the purchase of such test(s). Any healthcare provider engaged in the practice of pharmacy as defined in §338.010, RSMo, who is authorized to sell or dispense such test(s) shall have the authority to bill an individual’s insurance (“coverage entity”) pursuant to this order for Antigen or Nucleic Acid Amplification Test(s) (“NAAT”s). Any authorized provider engaged in the practice of pharmacy as defined in §338.010, RSMo, who sells or dispenses an Antigen or Nucleic Acid Amplification Test(s) (“NAAT”s) shall comply with the components of this standing order.

Patient Eligibility

Adults and children who believe that they have been in contact with an individual with SARS-CoV-2, or believe they have been infected with SARS-CoV-2, or are at risk or susceptible to being infected by SARS-CoV-2, shall be eligible to purchase an Antigen or Nucleic Acid Amplification Test(s) (“NAAT”s) for SARS-CoV-2 and receive coverage so long as an individual meets the requirements below.

1. Have met the coverage entity’s requirement for coverage;
2. Have not exceed the coverage entity’s limitation on the total tests that can be purchased.

This standing order may be rescinded if misuse of its policy is reported to the Department of Health and Senior Services.

This order and procedure shall remain in effect until rescinded or until December 31, 2022.

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