

Members to Receive Home Testing Kits

Effective Date: June 2022

Impacted Plans: Johns Hopkins Advantage MD and Priority Partners

Type of Change: Benefit

Explanation of Change:

Johns Hopkins Advantage MD and Priority Partners are committed to helping members get the care they need to get and stay healthy. In early June, Advantage MD, in collaboration with our vendor BiolQ, will mail out in-home test kits for eligible members. Priority Partners will begin mailing kits to members in late June.

- **HbA1c test kit**

Advantage MD: sent to members with diabetes who have not had an A1c test in 2022 and/or had a recent A1c level greater than 9.0.

Priority Partners: sent to members 41-64 years old with diabetes who have not completed an A1c test in 2022 and/or had a recent A1c greater than 9.0.

- **Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) kit**

Advantage MD: sent to all members who are due for a colorectal cancer screening.

Priority Partners: not sending FIT kits to members.

Using in-home testing, Advantage MD and Priority Partners seek to provide members with another option for having these important preventive screenings. The home testing kits do not replace regular visits with a primary doctor, but can contribute to higher completion rates and quality ratings and overcome social determinants that may keep a member from going to their provider.

Members do not have to complete the kit, but we encourage them to have this screening by using the kit or seeing their health care provider. The home testing kits are free for members.

Members who complete and return a test kit, as well as their identified primary care provider, will receive a copy of their results after the lab processes the sample.

If you or your patients have any questions, please contact BiolQ by calling 877-862-4647 (Advantage MD) or 844-813-5758 (Priority Partners) Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 11 p.m. EST, or emailing support@bioiq.com.