Long-Term Care Regulation Provider Letter

Number: PL 2022-09
Title: Process for Requesting Testing Supplies for Providers Without a CLIA Waiver
Provider Types: Assisted Living Facility (ALF), Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability or Related Conditions (ICF/IID), Home and Community-based Services (HCS) Program Provider, Home and Community Support Services Agency (HCSSA), and Texas Home Living (TxHmL) Program Provider
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1.0 Subject and Purpose

The State of Texas is distributing a limited number of testing supplies through the Texas Prepare website to assisted living facilities (ALFs), intermediate care facilities for individuals with an intellectual disability or related conditions (ICFs/IID), home and community-based services (HCS) program providers, home and community support services agencies (HCSSAs), and Texas Home Living (TxHmL) program providers that **do not** have a CLIA waiver.

This provider letter describes the process for providers without a CLIA waiver to enroll for the GenBody-100 COVID-19 Test Administrator Courses through the Prepare Texas website and request testing supplies.

Providers that **do** have a CLIA Waiver, should continue to follow the instructions outlined in Provider Letter 2020-49 and submit LTCR Form 2198 to the HHSC Regional Director or designee in the region in which the provider is located.

2.0 Policy Details & Provider Responsibilities

To request consideration for free testing supplies, an ALF, ICF/IID, HCS, HCSSA, or TxHmL program provider must complete the Attestation for Requesting Testing Supplies: For Providers Without a CLIA Waiver, Form 2199, and submits it to the HHSC Regional Director or designee in the region in which the provider is located.

The Regional Director or designee will elevate it to the State Operations Center. Staff from HHSC Long-term Care Regulation (LTCR) and HHSC Contiguity and Emergency Management will review the completed attestation form for accuracy and completeness. Staff may require and request documentation from the provider to support the attestation.

2.1 Eligibility

The attestation criteria require an ALF, ICF/IID, HCS, HCSSA, or TxHmL program providers to:

- have a current GenBody-100 COVID-19 Test Administrator Course certificate provided by Prepare Texas;
- ensure tests are only administered by individuals who successfully complete the GenBody-100 COVID-19 Administrator Courses provided by PreparingTexas.org;
- follow all reporting requirements associated with the use of the testing supplies; and
- report test results appropriately.

Any provider that meets the requirements listed above is eligible to request testing supplies. Currently, the tests being provided are GenBody but this may change.

2.2 Course Enrollment

To enroll in the GenBody-100 COVID-19 Test Administrator Course providers must:

- Go to www.preparingtexas.org and create an account.
  - Please note, each account/username is intended for ONE individual.

- o A provider may have more than one individual signed up on behalf of the provider.
  - o Be sure to fill in the information accurately, as this information will be used when creating an account on app.txrapidtest.org.

- The individual who will administer the test will select the GenBody-100 COVID-19 Test Administrator Course and enroll to view the instructional videos. (For additional instructions and resources, please refer to the COVID-19 Rapid Test Courses & Resources document.)

- Once the individual has successfully completed the training course, the individual will receive a certificate and receive access to the TX Rapid Test App.

- Please note:
  - o it will take about 30 minutes to receive access to the TX Rapid Test App after receiving a certificate, and
  - o when creating an account on TX Rapid Test App an individual must use the same email address that was provided for the prepartingtexas.org account.

3.0 Background/History

4.0 Resources

https://www.preparingtexas.org/Index.aspx

https://app.txrapidtest.org/login

5.0 Contact Information

For additional questions regarding a provider's account on preparingtexas.org or the COVID-19 Rapid Test courses (not for questions regarding the program or testing procedures), please contact by email at registrar@tdem.texas.gov.

For questions regarding the TX Rapid Test App, please contact by email at support@txrapidtest.org.