



**BlueCross BlueShield
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**BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee
Policies for Covering H1N1 Influenza Tests and Treatments
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As it has for some time, BlueCross has in place a pandemic response plan to make sure it can continue to serve our members' needs, working in concert with our network physicians and other providers.

With the recent outbreak of the H1N1 influenza, BlueCross is continuing to cover flu tests and treatments as it normally does:

- Rapid tests are covered. Please refer to [CDC guidelines](#) for testing.
- Prescription medications Tamiflu and Relenza are covered for our commercial customers if:
 1. the member's group has prescription drug benefits through BlueCross;
 2. the prescription is dispensed only through a BlueCross pharmacy network provider; as before, physicians will not be reimbursed for dispensing from their offices unless they have an in-network dispensary.

In addition, BlueCross has made temporary changes to its formulary to ensure that all commercial customers with pharmacy benefits through BlueCross are eligible for these medications.

BlueCross will continue to actively monitor the situation and make changes, if needed, to ensure clinicians have appropriate treatment options for our members.