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COVID-19 Over-the-Counter Tests

- Federal law Commercial plans must cover at least 8 Over-the-Counter tests per enrollee per month.
 - Direct coverage v. reimbursement model
 CR 510 (2021)
- SB 510 (2021)



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No Surprises Act

- Does many things:
 - Protects enrollees from balance billing
 - Establishes a federal independent dispute resolution process for payers and providers
 - Contains consumer notice and consent requirements
 - Provider directory requirements
- Interaction with California law (including AB 72)

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