Overview of Mail-In HIV Prevention Self-Testing Options

Type of Self- Test	Test name	Specimen	Rapid Test?	Time to Result (after test completion)	Type of Test (Ab/Ag)	Estimated Window Period	Estimated Cost***	Customize Box?	Order Online?	Bill to client's insurance?	Funding Options
Mail- in Self Tests*	Mail-In HIV Self-Test	Dried Blood Spot Card	No	5-14 days (varies based on time it takes to ship)	HIV p24 Antigen and Antibody EIA** test	14 days	\$57.45	customize what	Yes— by healthcare provider or agency	Yes (needs to be ordered by a healthcare provider)	340B revenue, grant funding, private funding, insurance (if in- network)
	Mail-In Hepatitis B Self-Test	Dried Blood Spot Card			Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) test	4 weeks	\$61.08				
	Mail-in Hepatitis C Self-Test	Dried Blood Spot Card			Hepatitis C Antibody (HCV Ab) test	8 to 12 weeks	\$55.98				
	Mail-in Syphilis Self- Test	Dried Blood Spot card and Mictrotainer			Syphilis Antibody (Ab)EIA test reflexed to Syphilis Rapid Plasma Reagin (RPR)	7 to 14 days	\$45.34				
	Mail-in 3 site Chlamydia/Gonorrhea Self-Test	Oral swab (saliva), rectal swab, and urine cup with pipette and test tube			Chlamydia (CT) DNA and/or Gonorrhea (NG) DNA detected from Urine, oral swab and rectal swab	5 to 14 days	\$101.56				
	Mail-in Creatinine Self-Test	Dried Blood Spot Card			Creatinine level in blood	N/A	\$20.00				

^{*}All Mail-in self-test information is sourced from Molecular Testing Labs

Clients with previously treated syphilis will still be positive on the Syphilis EIA test. A positive Syphilis EIA result may indicate recent, past, or successfully treated syphilis infections, therefore, the test cannot be used to differentiate between active and past cured cases and an RPR has to also be completed.

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^{**} EIA stands for enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay; it detects and measures antibodies in blood

^{***}Mail-in self-test cost includes price of lab fee, kitting, fulfillment, shipping, and pre-paid return label)