

The new rule in the US says that health insurance must cover covid testing. Will that change the SHI rules?

*on January 20 2022. the GSC met and this question was brought up:" Since the US has passed a mandate for all insurances to cover testing for COVID, will this change SHI reimbursement?"*

*The SHI HQ Secretariat responded that they had met with PAHO SHI personnel and legal and they defined that the US ruling will not affect the SHI ruling on when COVID testing will be reimbursed. Basically, SHI reimburses only when there is a medically justified reason to request the testing, not for traveling, work mandates, or personal preferences. Only when symptoms are present and a physician requests the tests are they reimbursed. SHI is committed to preserving the balance of costs and benefits and will continue to monitor this situation.*