


PROVIDER BULLETIN

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TO: Prescribers of Medicaid Covered Drugs and Pharmacists

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RE: **Coverage of Tobacco Cessation Update**

THE INFORMATION IN THIS BULLETIN SUPERSEDES PREVIOUS TOBACCO CESSATION PROVIDER BULLETINS.

Nebraska Medicaid is covering counseling and certain drugs specifically to help clients quit using tobacco. The following information is an overview of the tobacco cessation services.

- Up to two tobacco cessation sessions may be covered per 12 months. A session is limited to a 90 day's supply of medication and up to four tobacco cessation counseling visits.
- Nebraska Tobacco Free Quitline - In order to receive drug products, clients must be enrolled in and actively participating with the Nebraska Tobacco Free Quitline. Clients can access the line directly or by referral from their medical provider. Use of the Quitline is not limited. The Quitline number is 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669).
- Practitioner Clinic Visits - If tobacco cessation products are required, the client must be evaluated for any contraindications to any of the drug products and obtain a prescription. This can occur during the course of another office visit or an encounter specifically to address tobacco cessation.
- Up to four tobacco cessation counseling visits with a medical provider (physician, mid-level practitioner, pharmacist Tobacco Cessation Counselor) are covered per session regardless of who the service provider is. These tobacco cessation counseling visits can be a combination of intermediate (99406) or intensive (99407) visits.
- Tobacco Cessation Products - Products are only available for clients 18 years of age or older who require this assistance. Coverage is limited to 90 days supply per session and is also dependant on the client being enrolled and actively participating with the Nebraska Tobacco Free Quitline.

In order for a Medicaid client to be eligible to receive Medicaid coverage of the drug product, the client must be at least 18 years of age and complete the following:

- Completion of the fax referral form
- Enroll in the Tobacco Free Quitline.
- Completion of intake and first counseling session with the Quitline

The fax referral form is located on the Magellan Medicaid Management Nebraska Medicaid Program webpage under Prior Authorization forms at: <https://nebraska.fhsc.com>. After completion of the form it should be faxed to 1-800-483-3114. Clients may self enroll with the Quitline however drug coverage will not be available until the fax referral form is completed and signed by the client and provider.