

TOBACCO CESSATION BENEFIT

OVERVIEW

The Colorado Medicaid Tobacco Cessation Benefit provides members with access to free (no copay), proven tobacco treatment. The comprehensive benefit includes: medications, counseling, Colorado QuitLine services, and enhanced services for pregnant women.

Benefit	Description	Notes for Provider
Medication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providers can prescribe any of the FDA approved medications • No copay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medications include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nicotine patch, nicotine gum, nicotine lozenge, Nicotrol® NS (nicotine nasal spray), and Nicotrol® Inhaler (nicotine inhalation system). - ZYBAN® (bupropion hydrochloride SR) and Chantix® (varenicline)
Treatment Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommend a combination of counseling and medication • Providers are encouraged to make shared decisions with their patients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following qualified providers may bill directly for cessation services: Physicians, osteopaths, nurse practitioners, registered nurses and certified nurse midwives may bill directly for cessation counseling services. Other providers may deliver counseling services as long as a qualified provider orders and supervises the counseling • Dx for treatment needs to be Z72.0 (tobacco use disorder)
Prescription	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provider must write a prescription for all medications including OTC medications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combination drug therapies are a covered benefit and should be considered based on patient preference.
Counseling - Intermediate Intensity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reimbursement for up to 5 sessions between 4 to 10 minutes • No copay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPT billing code for individual counseling: 99406 • Modifier HD added to intermediate or intensive CPT billing codes indicates pregnant/parenting women’s program and is required for all claims made for pregnant women (e.g., 99406+HD)
Counseling - High Intensity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reimbursement for up to 3 counseling sessions greater than 10 minutes • No copay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPT billing code for individual counseling: 99407 • Modifier HD added to intermediate or intensive CPT codes indicates group counseling visit (e.g., 99407+HD)
Prior Authorization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior authorization is not required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional information on coverage for cessation medication can be found in Appendix P

For more information about the Colorado Medicaid Tobacco Cessation Benefit:

- Visit colorado.gov/cdphe/providers and colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/tobacco-cessation