

Alaska Medicaid Tobacco Treatment Coverage

Pharmacists' Guide

New changes regarding prior authorization for tobacco cessation medications and reimbursement for tobacco cessation counseling. Effective: April 13, 2011

For cessation counseling reimbursement, the pharmacist must:

1. Receive an order from a prescriber for tobacco cessation medication; **and**
2. Receive an order from a prescriber for tobacco cessation counseling; **and**
3. Have documentation (at the pharmacy) of having participated in continuing education presentation on tobacco cessation; **and**
4. Provide the counseling in person, at time that medication is being dispensed; **and**
5. Counsel for at least three minutes and no more than 10 minutes, in accordance with Quick Reference Guide (pgs 9-11); **and**
6. Keep readily retrievable notes. At a minimum, document the recipient's name, date of birth, date of counseling, and details of the counseling in a SOAP (Subjective, Objective, Assessment, and Plan) note format.

Treatment Coverage Changes

1. Prior authorization no longer required
 2. Maximum quantity limit set for tobacco cessation medications for no more than a 6 month time period:
 - Nicotine Gum: 2,079 units
 - Nicotine Lozenges: 2,520 units
 - Nicotine Patches: 180 patches
 - Chantix: 360 tablets
- accommodates maximum daily utilization of a product for 3 months
 - followed by a tapering period of no more than 3 months

Bill to Medicaid by point of sale **no more than once monthly:**

- Use the ICD-9 code (305.1) (tobacco use disorder) in field Diagnosis Code (424-DO) and submit the qualifier Diagnosis Code Qualifier (492-WE) = 01;
- Add the service fee of \$19.40 in the field Other amount Claimed Submitted (480- H9) and the Other Amount Claimed Submitted Qualifier = 99;
- The Other Amount Claimed Submitted must be added into the sum of all charges in the Gross Amount Due (430-DU) in order to receive payment

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Tobacco treatment is the most effective clinical intervention available today to reduce illness, prevent death, and increase quality of life.

Did you know?

Chances of quitting successfully are four times higher with medication and counseling.

Nationally, the Medicaid population smokes at a higher rate at 34.8% than the general adult population 20.8% (National Health Interview Survey 2006).

Alaska Medicaid recipients often not know about treatments available to them.

Alaska's Tobacco Quit Line, 1-800-QUIT-NOW, provides free individualized counseling for all Alaskans before, during, and after the quit date.

Future Topics

- Tobacco Cessation home study CE and Toolkit
- Smoking Cessation Webinars: Aug 9, Sept 13, Sept 28, Oct 12, Nov 10. www.alaskapharmacy.org
- Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training: Aug 29- Sept 2. www.anthc.org/chs/wp/tobacco/tts_register.cfm



For More Information

Notice for Tobacco Cessation Billing Instructions & Prior Authorization Changes:

www.hss.state.ak.us/dhcs/PDL/downloads_docs/Pharmacist_Mailout_Tobacco_cessation_products.pdf

Tobacco Cessation Regulations:

[http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/folioproxy.asp?url=http://www.jnu01.legis.state.ak.us/cgi-bin/folioisa.dll/aac/query=\[JUMP:%277+aac+12012E110%27\]/doc/{@1}?firsthit](http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/folioproxy.asp?url=http://www.jnu01.legis.state.ak.us/cgi-bin/folioisa.dll/aac/query=[JUMP:%277+aac+12012E110%27]/doc/{@1}?firsthit)

Prior Authorization:

www.hss.state.ak.us/dhcs/pharmacy/medpriorauthoriz.htm

Treating Tobacco Use & Dependence, a Quick Reference:

www.hss.state.ak.us/dhcs/PDL/downloads_docs/Tobacco_Quick_Reference_for_Clinicians.pdf

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