# TOBACCO CESSATION BENEFIT

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.

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| Medication       | • Providers can prescribe any of the FDA approved medications  
• No copay                                                                                                                  | • Medications include:  
  - 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   | • Recommend a combination of counseling and medication  
• Providers are encouraged to make shared decisions with their patients                                                | • 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     | • Provider must write a prescription for all medications including OTC medications                                                                  | • Combination drug therapies are a covered benefit and should be considered based on patient preference. |
| Counseling - Intermediate Intensity | • Reimbursement for up to 5 sessions between 4 to 10 minutes  
• No copay                                                                                                                  | • 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 | • Reimbursement for up to 3 counseling sessions greater than 10 minutes  
• No copay                                                                                                                  | • 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 | • Prior authorization is not required                                                                                                           | • 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](http://colorado.gov/cdphe/providers) and [colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/tobacco-cessation](http://colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/tobacco-cessation)  