

# 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"> <li>• Providers can prescribe any of the FDA approved medications</li> <li>• No copay</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medications include:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nicotine patch, nicotine gum, nicotine lozenge, Nicotrol® NS (nicotine nasal spray), and Nicotrol® Inhaler (nicotine inhalation system).</li> <li>- ZYBAN® (bupropion hydrochloride SR) and Chantix® (varenicline)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Treatment Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommend a combination of counseling and medication</li> <li>• Providers are encouraged to make shared decisions with their patients</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Dx for treatment needs to be Z72.0 (tobacco use disorder)</li> </ul>
Prescription	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provider must write a prescription for all medications including OTC medications</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Combination drug therapies are a covered benefit and should be considered based on patient preference.</li> </ul>
Counseling - Intermediate Intensity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reimbursement for up to 5 sessions between 4 to 10 minutes</li> <li>• No copay</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CPT billing code for individual counseling: 99406</li> <li>• 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)</li> </ul>
Counseling - High Intensity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reimbursement for up to 3 counseling sessions greater than 10 minutes</li> <li>• No copay</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CPT billing code for individual counseling: 99407</li> <li>• Modifier HD added to intermediate or intensive CPT codes indicates group counseling visit (e.g., 99407+HD)</li> </ul>
Prior Authorization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prior authorization is <b>not</b> required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional information on coverage for cessation medication can be found in <a href="#">Appendix P</a></li> </ul>

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)