

CO Medicaid Members Can Link Chantix & QuitLine Benefits

Colorado Medicaid members can now access their pharmacy benefit for Chantix® (varenicline) as part of their QuitLine experience. Integrating Chantix therapy and personalized coaching available through the Colorado QuitLine provides patients with convenient and coordinated tobacco treatment that can increase their chances of quitting successfully.

The process is simple:

1. Medicaid member (must be 18 or older) works with their healthcare provider to determine if Chantix is right for them.
2. Medicaid provider completes prescription for Chantix and sends to participating QuitLine partner pharmacy*.
3. Medicaid member enrolls in QuitLine phone program** by completing short program intake and personalized coaching session.
4. QuitLine partner pharmacy confirms Medicaid member enrollment in QuitLine services and ships first month of Chantix to member's home at no cost.
5. To receive refills of Chantix, Medicaid member must complete at least one coaching session between medication refills. Coaching provides clients with additional support to fight cravings, manage stress, and increase the chances of quit success.

To view an at-a-glance process resource, click [here](#).

FDA-approved quit medications, like Chantix, play a key role in the treatment of tobacco dependence. They can reduce symptoms associated with quitting, help patients minimize cravings, and improve cessation outcomes. Medications like Chantix work best when taken as directed and combined with behavioral support, such as the individualized coaching provided through the Colorado QuitLine.

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*Colorado Medicaid members are not required to enroll in QuitLine to receive Chantix as a part of their tobacco treatment. Prescriptions for any FDA-approved quit smoking medication [are covered](#) for members through Health First Colorado- Colorado's Medicaid program, and may be filled at any Medicaid enrolled pharmacy.

**Note: Medicaid members may start the process by enrolling in QuitLine services. They may then work with their healthcare provider to obtain a prescription for Chantix and have it sent to the QuitLine partner pharmacy.