

Medicaid Coverage of Tobacco Cessation Treatment

Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program
Dept for Public Health



History

- ACS, ALA, AHA, CTFK, and the Medicaid Consortium partnership began working toward Medicaid coverage for tobacco cessation many years ago
- 2005: partial victory - language in the state budget to cover smoking cessation for pregnant women

History

- 2007: HB337 passed directing Medicaid to cover smoking cessation for all members.
 - No funding was provided-was never fully implemented
- 2010 – successful in getting a \$1.5 million annual appropriation in the state budget
 - Medicaid federal match
 - October 1: Medicaid filed an emergency regulation that outlines provisions for coverage

Eligibility

- Eligibility
 - Adults over age 18 enrolled in Medicaid
 - Members enrolled in Passport should contact Passport Health Plan for coverage details under that plan

Tobacco Cessation Assessment (Counseling)

- Tobacco cessation assessment
 - Coding: 99407 (U1, U2, U3 modifier based on provider type)
 - 30 minutes (performed face-to-face)
 - Session includes:
 - History of tobacco use
 - Medical history
 - Psychosocial history
 - Review of coping skills and barriers to quitting
 - Written referral to a cessation program
 - Tobacco Cessation Referral Form

Who Can Do (and bill for) the Assessment

- A physician who is currently enrolled and active as a Medicaid provider (99407U3)
- A physician assistant working under the supervision of a physician **and** is currently enrolled and active as a Medicaid provider (99407U1)
- A nurse practitioner who is currently enrolled and active as a Medicaid provider (99407U2)

Referral Sources

- 1-800-QUITNOW (1-800-784-8669)
- www.BecomeAnEx.org(online)
- Cooper/Clayton Method to Stop Smoking
- Freedom from Smoking (8 weeks)
- Freedom from Smoking online @ www.ffsonline.org

Covered Medications

- All medications, including over-the-counter nicotine replacement products require a prescription
- Two 90-day treatment regimens per year
- Covered medications (refer to Rx chart)
 - Chantix
 - Bupropriion (generic for Zyban)
 - NRT: lozenge, gum, patches, inhaler
- No copay required

Resources

- Medicaid Tobacco Cessation Referral Form
 - https://kentucky.fhsc.com/Downloads/providers/DMS_TobaccoCessationReferral-20101012.pdf
- Pharmacotherapy Chart
 - <http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/info/dpqi/hp/cotools.htm>

Questions:

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Questions?