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NYS Medicaid Recipient Stop Smoking Coverage Fact Sheet



POLICY

- Stop smoking products to help you quit smoking can be obtained with a prescription. Medicaid will pay for inhalers, nasal sprays, Zyban (bupropion), Chantix (varenicline), over-the-counter nicotine patches and gum.
- Your health care provider must write a prescription for you to receive either a prescription or over-the-counter stop smoking product.
- You are allowed a course of stop smoking therapy twice a year. A course of therapy is defined as no more than a 90-day supply (an original order and two refills, even if less than a 30 day supply is dispensed in any fill).
- Some smoking cessation therapies may be used together. For example, Zyban, taken by mouth, and nicotine patches, which are applied to the skin, may be used at the same time. Ask your physician and pharmacist what is appropriate for you.

RESOURCES

There are many cost free programs and resources available to help you quit and stay tobacco free. Some are listed below.

NYS SMOKERS' QUITLINE (*Toll Free*) 1-866-697-8487

RESOURCES

Local cessation support program information can be obtained from:

New York State Smokers' Quitline

- Toll-free: **1-866-697-8487**

American Cancer Society

- Toll-free number: **1-800-ACS-2345**
(1-800-227-2345)

American Lung Association

- Toll-free number: **1-800-586-4872**



BROCHURES AND OTHER INFORMATION

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- Toll-free number: **1-800-CDC-4636**
(1-800-232-4636)

National Cancer Institute

- Toll-free number: **1-800-4-CANCER**
(1-800-422-6237)

