

Providers: Helping Alameda Alliance for Health Members Quit Smoking Just Got Easier

Nicotine Inhaler & Nasal Spray Added to the Formulary as of April 15, 2016



The Alliance covers the following smoking cessation drugs:

Nicotine Gum: Members can receive up to 8 boxes (880 pieces) of nicotine gum in a 2 year period.

Nicotine Inhaler: Members can receive up to 504 cartridges per 30 days, with a total of 6 fills each year.

Nicotine Nasal Spray: Members can receive up to 12 bottles of the spray (each bottle has 10 mL) per 30 days.

Nicotine Patches: Members can receive up to 28 weeks of nicotine patches per course of therapy in a year.

Nicotine Lozenges: Members can receive up to a quantity limit of 360 per 30 days.

Bupropion: Members can receive bupropion with no restrictions.

Chantix (varenicline): Members can receive two tablets per day with a fill limit of 6 fills per year.

Generic smoking cessation drugs do NOT require prior authorization. Brand medications require prior authorization if a generic is available (gum, patches, lozenges, bupropion).

The Alliance no longer requires quit certificates or other written proof from smoking cessation classes before providers can write prescriptions or request coverage for smoking cessation drugs. The Alliance still recommends that providers encourage their patients to participate in smoking cessation classes as part of their treatment.

Please contact Alliance Pharmacy Services at (510) 747-4541 with any questions.

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