

# Alameda Alliance for Health Medications for Smoking Cessation



## Helping Alliance Members Quit Smoking Just Got Easier

At Alameda Alliance for Health (Alliance), we are here to help our members take charge of their health. Please use this list as a guide to help prescribe medication for your patients.



Generic smoking cessation medications **do not** require prior authorization. Brand name medications require prior authorization when a generic is available (gum, patches, lozenges, bupropion).

The Alliance covers the following smoking cessation medications:

**Bupropion:** There are no restrictions.

**Chantix (varenicline):** Members can receive up to 6 months of fills.

**Nicotine Gum:** Members can receive up to 360 pieces per 30 days.

**Nicotine Inhaler:** Members can receive up to 504 cartridges per 30 days, with a total of 6 fills every 365 days.

**Nicotine Lozenges:** Members can receive up to 360 lozenges per 30 days.

**Nicotine Nasal Spray:** Members can receive up to 12 spray bottles (each bottle has 10 mL) per 30 days, with 3 fills per 365 days.

**Nicotine Patches:** Members can receive up to 84 patches per 365 days.

*The Alliance recommends that providers encourage their patients to participate in smoking cessation counseling or classes as part of their treatment. For counseling, you can refer patients to the California Smoker's Helpline toll-free at **1.800.NO.BUTTS**. For more member education resources, please visit [www.alamedaalliance.org/live-healthy-library](http://www.alamedaalliance.org/live-healthy-library).*

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