

Coverage of Tobacco Cessation Treatments

Health Plans	Medications Covered	Counseling Covered – Individual, Group and Phone	Limitations/Notes	Sources	
Fee-for-service	Preferred products -Nicotine gum 2/4mg -Nicotine lozenge 2/4mg -Nicotine patch 7/14/21mg -Bupropion HCI -Varenicline -Chantix Nonpreferred products -Nicotrol inhaler and nasal spray solution	Yes	Pharmacy PA required for those < 18 years of age Pharmacy PA required for Nonpreferred products (Nicotrol Inhaler and Nicotrol Nasal Spray)	Iowa Medicaid Pharmacy Preferred Drug List Iowa Medicaid Quantity Limit List Iowa Medicaid Fee Schedule	
			Quantity limits implemented Annual limit: cumulative 168 days per 12-month period for all medications.	Iowa HHS Informational Letter #2004	
Wellpoint	All the same tobacco cessation medications as FFS Medicaid, to include all the various forms of NRT, varenicline, and bupropion. Preferred products -Nicotine gum 2/4mg -Nicotine lozenge 2/4mg -Nicotine patch 7/14/21mg -Bupropion HCl -Varenicline -Chantix	Yes	Pharmacy PA required for those < 18 years of age Pharmacy PA required for Nonpreferred products (Nicotrol Inhaler and Nicotrol Nasal Spray) Quantity limits implemented Annual limit: cumulative 168 days per 12-month period for all medications.	Iowa Medicaid Pharmacy Preferred Drug List Iowa Medicaid Quantity Limit List Iowa Medicaid Fee Schedule Iowa HHS Informational Letter #2004 Wellpoint Member Handbook	
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Iowa Total Care	All the same tobacco cessation medications as FFS Medicaid,	Yes	Pharmacy PA required for those < 18 years of age	Iowa Medicaid Pharmacy Preferred Drug List	
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			Quantity limits implemented	Iowa HHS Informational Letter #2004 Iowa Total Care Member Handbook	
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Molina Healthcare of Iowa	All the same tobacco cessation medications as FFS Medicaid, to include all the various forms of NRT, varenicline, and bupropion. Preferred products -Nicotine gum 2/4mg -Nicotine lozenge 2/4mg -Nicotine patch 7/14/21mg -Bupropion HCl -Varenicline -Chantix	Yes	Pharmacy PA required for those < 18 years of age	Iowa Medicaid Pharmacy Preferred Drug List	
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Cost sharing, copay, prior authorization, annual limits, duration limits, lifetime limits, required counseling, or step-therapy

	Cost-sharing	Prior Authorization	Duration Limit	Annual Limit	Step-Therapy	Required Counseling	Lifetime Limits
Fee for Service	\$1.00 copay per prescription fill for applicable members	Yes – for medications for members under 18, and for Nicotrol inhaler and Nicotrol nasal spray solution.	Quantity limits implemented dependent on medication – see Quantity Limit list.	168 day supply every 12 months on medications.	No – however, Non-Preferred PA criteria does require trial with preferred product.	No	No
Wellpoint	No	Yes – for medications for members under 18, and for Nicotrol inhaler and Nicotrol nasal spray solution.	Quantity limits implemented dependent on medication – see Quantity Limit list.	168 day supply every 12 months on medications.	No – however, Non-Preferred PA criteria does require trial with preferred product.	No	No
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