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Topic #494

Tobacco Cessation Drugs and Services

Tobacco cessation services are reimbursed as part of an E&M (evaluation and management) office visit provided by a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, and ancillary staff. Services must be one-on-one, face-to-face between the provider and the member. ForwardHealth does not cover group sessions or telephone conversations between the provider and member under the E&M procedure codes.

Tobacco cessation services covered under ForwardHealth include outpatient substance abuse services or outpatient mental health services, as appropriate.

Tobacco cessation services, as preventive services with an A or B rating from the USPSTF (U.S. Preventive Services Task Force), [do not require copayments](#) from any member enrolled in BadgerCare Plus or Medicaid. SeniorCare members are not exempt from [copayment](#) for tobacco cessation services.

Ancillary staff can provide tobacco cessation services only when under the direct, on-site supervision of a Medicaid-enrolled physician. When ancillary staff provide tobacco cessation services, Wisconsin Medicaid reimburses up to a level-two office visit (CPT (Current Procedural Terminology) procedure code 99212). The supervising provider is required to be listed as the rendering provider on the claim.

Topic #21097

Drugs for Tobacco Cessation

BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, and SeniorCare cover legend drugs for tobacco cessation.

BadgerCare Plus and Medicaid also cover OTC (over-the-counter) nicotine gum, patches, and lozenges.

A written prescription from a prescriber is required for both federal legend **and** OTC tobacco cessation products. Prescribers are required to indicate the appropriate diagnosis on the prescription. PA (prior authorization) is required for uses outside the allowable ICD (International Classification of Diseases) diagnoses included in the table below.

Allowable ICD Diagnosis Codes	Descriptions
F17.200	Nicotine dependence, unspecified, uncomplicated
F17.201	Nicotine dependence, unspecified, in remission
F17.203	Nicotine dependence, unspecified, with withdrawal
F17.208	Nicotine dependence, unspecified, with other nicotine-induced disorders
F17.209	Nicotine dependence, unspecified, with unspecified nicotine-induced disorders
F17.210	Nicotine dependence, cigarettes, uncomplicated
F17.211	Nicotine dependence, cigarettes, in remission
F17.213	Nicotine dependence, cigarettes, with withdrawal
F17.218	Nicotine dependence, cigarettes, with other nicotine-induced disorders
F17.219	Nicotine dependence, cigarettes, with unspecified nicotine-induced disorders
F17.220	Nicotine dependence, chewing tobacco, uncomplicated
F17.221	Nicotine dependence, chewing tobacco, in remission
F17.223	Nicotine dependence, chewing tobacco, with withdrawal
F17.228	Nicotine dependence, chewing tobacco, with other nicotine-induced disorders
F17.229	Nicotine dependence, chewing tobacco, with unspecified nicotine-induced disorders
F17.290	Nicotine dependence, other tobacco product, uncomplicated
F17.291	Nicotine dependence, other tobacco product, in remission
F17.293	Nicotine dependence, other tobacco product, with withdrawal

Allowable ICD Diagnosis Codes	Descriptions
F17.298	Nicotine dependence, other tobacco product, with other nicotine-induced disorders
F17.299	Nicotine dependence, other tobacco product, with unspecified nicotine-induced disorders
Z72.0	Tobacco use

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