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**Tobacco Cessation Drugs**

BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, and SeniorCare cover [legend drugs](https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/Subsystem/KW/Print.aspx?ia=1&p=1&sa=48&s=2&c=61&nt=Tobacco+Cessation+Drugs) for tobacco cessation.

BadgerCare Plus and Medicaid also cover [over-the-counter](https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/Subsystem/KW/Print.aspx?ia=1&p=1&sa=48&s=2&c=61&nt=Tobacco+Cessation+Drugs) nicotine gum, patches, and lozenges.

A written prescription from a Medicaid-enrolled prescriber is required for 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 approved diagnoses indicated on the [Diagnosis Restricted Drugs](https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/Subsystem/KW/Print.aspx?ia=1&p=1&sa=48&s=2&c=61&nt=Tobacco+Cessation+Drugs) data table.

Tobacco cessation services, as preventive services with an A or B rating from the [USPSTF](https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/Subsystem/KW/Print.aspx?ia=1&p=1&sa=48&s=2&c=61&nt=Tobacco+Cessation+Drugs) (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.