

Alberta Health Services adds products to QuitCore program (Group number 23699, Section A)

Effective **July 1, 2017**, the Alberta Health Services QuitCore program will start providing coverage, to eligible participants, for Champix and Zyban/Bupropion products to the existing Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) drug benefits program.

The QuitCore program is designed to assist adult Albertans in making a change in their tobacco use whether their goal is smoking cessation, to reduce their use as an interim step, or they have recently quit and wish to maintain the change. While the majority of people who attend QuitCore are people who are currently smoking, it is also open to those who use smokeless tobacco. Group cessation programs are one of the most effective means of increasing an individual's chances of quitting tobacco use successfully.

QuitCore groups are offered in more than 20 communities around the province through partnership with AHS programs, primary care networks, family care clinics and specialty settings. More information about the QuitCore program is available on the Alberta Health Services QuitCore website at <https://www.albertaquits.ca/my-quit-centre/groups>.

Program participation and benefit eligibility

Participants eligible to receive NRT, Champix, and Zyban/Bupropion products will receive an enrolment confirmation letter from Alberta Blue Cross which will include a list of eligible products and an Alberta Blue Cross ID card specific to the QuitCore program.

Pharmacists do not need to keep this letter on file.

Participants are required to present their prescription (if applicable) and their Alberta Blue Cross QuitCore confirmation letter containing their ID number at the pharmacy. Participants are able to receive 100 per cent coverage for eligible NRT, Champix, and Zyban/Bupropion products up to a maximum of \$500 within the seven month period following their enrolment in the QuitCore program. Additional information can be found in Pharmacy Benefact, Number 615 dated May 2016. The program provides for direct bill claims submission only. Participants are not eligible to claim for reimbursement.

Supplementary documentation to support claims submission must be kept in the patient's file (or record of care).

The following products on the next page are benefits for the QuitCore program. **Bolded** products have been added effective July 1, 2017.

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DIN	Product description
00002298309	Champix 0.5 mg/1 mg Tablet Starter Pack
00002291177	Champix 0.5 mg Tablet
00002291185	Champix 1 mg Tablet
00002238441	Zyban 150 mg Sustained-Release Tablet
00001943057	Habitrol 7 mg/day (17.5 mg/PTH) Transdermal Patch
00001943065	Habitrol 14 mg/day (36 mg/PTH) Transdermal Patch
00001943073	Habitrol 21 mg/day (52.5 mg/PTH) Transdermal Patch
00002091933	Nicorette 2 mg Oral Gum
00002091941	Nicorette 4 mg Oral Gum
00002093111	Nicoderm 7 mg/day (36 mg/PTH) Transdermal Patch
00002093138	Nicoderm 14 mg/day (78 mg/PTH) Transdermal Patch
00002093146	Nicoderm 21 mg/day (114 mg/PTH) Transdermal Patch
00002241226	Transdermal Nicotine 14 mg/day (35 mg/PTH) Patch
00002241227	Transdermal Nicotine 7 mg/day (17.5 mg/PTH) Patch
00002241228	Transdermal Nicotine 21 mg/day (52.5 mg/PTH) Patch
00002241742	Nicorette 10 mg/Dose Inhaler
00002247347	Nicorette 2 mg Mini Lozenge
00002247348	Nicorette 4 mg Mini Lozenge
00080000396	Thrive 2 mg Oral Gum
00080000402	Thrive 4 mg Oral Gum
00080007461	Thrive 1 mg Lozenges
00080007464	Thrive 2 mg Lozenges
00080015240	Nic-Assist 2 mg Gum
00080038858	Nicorette 1 mg/spray Quickmist
00080044393	Nicotine Patch 7 mg; Transdermal Nicotine Patch
00080044392	Nicotine Patch 14 mg; Transdermal Nicotine Patch
00080044389	Nicotine Patch 21 mg; Transdermal Nicotine Patch

When you have questions:

For assistance with benefit or claim inquiries, please contact an Alberta Blue Cross Pharmacy Services Provider Relations contact centre representative at:

780-498-8370 (Edmonton and area) • 403-294-4041 (Calgary and area) • 1-800-361-9632 (toll free)

FAX 780-498-8406 (Edmonton and area) • FAX 1-877-305-9911 (toll free)

Alberta Blue Cross offers online access to current Pharmacy Benefits and supplemental claiming information to assist with the submission of your direct bill drug claims. Visit <https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-home.php>



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