

Federal/State Tobacco Quit Product Financial Aid

Military Veterans

To help veterans quit smoking and tobacco use, VA offers prescriptions for nicotine replacement therapy, such as a nicotine patch or gum, or other medications.

Type of Product: A wide variety of FDA-approved nicotine replacement therapies and smoking cessation medications are available in the VHA formulary. A

Contact: <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/smoking/> or VA health care facility at 1-877-222-8387

Medicare—including Advantage, Security Blue, and UPMC for Life

Smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling are covered under Medicare Part B when certain conditions of coverage are met, subject to certain frequency and other limitations. Medicare's prescription drug benefit (Part D) also covers smoking and tobacco-use cessation agents prescribed by a physician.

Type of product: Only prescription drugs. However, Part D plans may include Over-The-Counter (OTC) drugs in step therapy protocols as part of their cost effective drug utilization management program. However, OTC drugs included in these protocols are considered administrative costs, not Part D drugs. Step therapy is where a plan says that you have try a generic drug before it will pay for a brand drug or that you have to try certain drugs in a class before it will pay for a particular drug.

Contact: PA Department of Aging at 1-800-783-7067

Medicaid (Medical Assistance)—including Access, Gateway Health Plan, Unison, and UPMC for You

Tobacco Cessation Drug Products and Counseling Services are covered under PA's Medical Assistance (MA) Program. All MA recipients are eligible for tobacco cessation counseling services, but only those MA recipients who are eligible for prescription services may receive FDA approved tobacco cessation drug products (including over-the-counter). In addition, authorizations or step therapy may be required. Step therapy is where a plan says that you have try a generic drug before it will pay for a brand name drug or that you have to try certain drugs in a class before it will pay for a particular drug.

Type of product: All FDA approved products, legend and non-legend, including over-the-counter.

Contact: Number on the back of your insurance card.