



TOBACCO CESSATION TOOLKIT

Resources for healthcare professionals

Alberta Drug Benefit Cessation Medication Coverage Eligibility

Medication	Applies to clients of	Coverage criteria
Nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mouth spray • inhaler • patch • gum • lozenge 	Alberta Health/Alberta Blue Cross <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child and Family Services • Alberta Child Health Benefit • Children and Youth Services • Income Support • Learners Program • Alberta Human Services (AISH) • Alberta Adult Health Benefit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restricted benefit • Coverage is limited to a lifetime maximum of \$500 per participant for all over-the-counter smoking cessation products listed in the Alberta Human Services Drug Benefit Supplement • Does not include lozenges
	First Nations and Inuit Health Branch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • non-insured health benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantity limited for each product for one year from when first prescription was filled: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > 945 pieces for gum, inhaler and lozenges > 70–84 patches, depending on type • Mouth spray not included
Varenicline tartrate (Champix®)	Alberta Health/Alberta Blue Cross <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-group coverage • Coverage for seniors • Alberta Widow's Pension Plan • Palliative Care Drug Coverage • Alberta Child Health Benefit • Income Support • Learners Program • Alberta Human Services (AISH) • Alberta Adult Health Benefit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restricted benefit • This product is a benefit for patients 18 years of age and older for smoking cessation treatment in conjunction with smoking cessation counselling • Coverage will be granted for a total of 12 weeks • Special authorization coverage may be granted for a maximum of 24 weeks of therapy per year
	First Nations and Inuit Health Branch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • non-insured health benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantity limited to 165 tablets for one year from when first prescription filled
Bupropion SR (Zyban®)	Alberta Health/Alberta Blue Cross <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child and Family Services • Alberta Child Health Benefit • Children and Youth Services • Income Support • Learners Program • Alberta Human Services (AISH) • Alberta Adult Health Benefit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular benefit
	First Nations and Inuit Health Branch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • non-insured health benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantity limited to 180 tablets for one year from when first prescription filled

Note: Benefit criteria are subject to change. Refer to Alberta Health and Health Canada for up-to-date information.



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