
CHAPTER 5: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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Tobacco Cessation Counseling Services

Tobacco cessation counseling services are covered for Medicaid beneficiaries who use tobacco products or who are being treated for tobacco use when provided by, or under the supervision of, the beneficiary's primary care provider or other appropriate healthcare professionals.

Beneficiaries may receive up to four (4) tobacco cessation counseling sessions per quit attempt, up to two (2) quit attempts per calendar year, for a maximum of eight (8) counseling sessions per calendar year. These limits may be exceeded if deemed medically necessary.

Provider Qualifications

The entity rendering tobacco cessation counseling services must be an enrolled Medicaid provider.

Health care professionals who may provide tobacco cessation counseling include physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, and physicians' assistants, as well as mental health providers who are licensed to practice independently. Other professional or paraprofessional healthcare practitioners must have completed training in the provision of tobacco cessation counseling and must provide services under the supervision of a licensed practitioner.

Reimbursement

Reimbursement for tobacco cessation counseling shall be a flat fee based on the appropriate Health Care Procedure Coding Scheme (HCPCS) code and must be supported by appropriate documentation.