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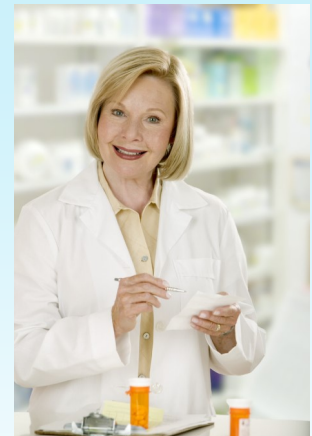
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IHCP updates tobacco cessation drug treatment coverage

Effective immediately, the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) has enhanced its coverage of tobacco cessation drug treatment (also known as tobacco dependence treatment) through the pharmacy benefit; see *IHCP Bulletin* [BT201681](#) for additional information. This change is applied retrospectively to claims with dates of service on or after March 1, 2019.

Details of the enhancements are as follows:

- Allowance of preferred agents, including Chantix, to be used as first-line therapy
- Ability to use Chantix concurrently with other nicotine replacement therapy
- Removal of the previously established requirement to obtain prior authorization (PA) if exceeding 180 days of tobacco cessation therapy



Enhancements apply to the fee-for-service (FFS) and the managed care benefits, bringing the comprehensive drug coverage into alignment with FFS.

Please direct FFS PA requests and questions about the FFS Preferred Drug List (PDL) or this bulletin to the OptumRx Clinical and Technical Help Desk by calling toll-free 1-855-577-6317. Questions regarding pharmacy benefits for members in the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP), Hoosier Healthwise, and Hoosier Care Connect should be referred to the managed care entity with which the member is enrolled.

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