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IHCP revises tobacco dependence treatment coverage

Effective January 1, 2017, the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) is enhancing its coverage of tobacco dependence treatment, including counseling and drug products. These enhancements are the result of changes to the *Indiana Administrative Code 405 IAC 5-37* and apply to all IHCP programs subject to limitations established for certain benefit packages.

The IHCP is removing the limitation of one 12-week course of tobacco dependence drug treatment (pharmacotherapy) per member per calendar year. Tobacco dependence pharmacotherapy will now be available for up to 180 days per member per calendar year. Treatment beyond 180 days within a calendar year will require the prescriber to document the medical necessity of continued treatment. This change is effective for dates of service (DOS) on or after January 1, 2017. For more information about the specific pharmaceutical products impacted by this change, see the smoking deterrent agents listed in Table 2 in the *IHCP Bulletin* [BT201647](#).

Coverage of tobacco dependence counseling services continues to be limited to a maximum of 10 units of counseling per member per calendar year. However, coverage is being extended to additional provider types that will be eligible to render these services. Newly eligible provider types include optometrists, clinical social workers, marital and family counselors, mental health counselors, and licensed clinical addiction counselors. This change is effective for DOS on or after January 1, 2017.



Providers will continue to bill counseling services using procedure code 99407 – *Smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling visit; intensive, greater than 10 minutes* with the U6 modifier. In addition, the following billing guidance applies to the new mid-level practitioners:

- Clinical social workers must bill through a physician or health service provider in psychology (HSPP) using the AJ modifier as an additional modifier.
- Marital and family counselors and mental health counselors must bill through a physician or HSPP using the HE modifier as an additional modifier.
- Licensed clinical addiction counselors must bill through a physician or HSPP using the HE modifier as an additional modifier.

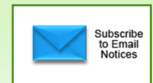
The launch of the new Core Medicaid Management Information System (CoreMMIS) includes a system stabilization period during which system updates cannot be made. After this system stabilization period ends, the IHCP will complete the system updates required to enact these policy changes. After the system updates are complete, the IHCP will release another publication instructing providers to resubmit claims or to expect adjustments of previously submitted claims that did not adjudicate correctly.

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