

PROVIDER ALERT

Subject: Smoking Cessation Medications Now Available Without Prior Authorization

From: Passport Health Plan
Sent: December 5, 2011
To: All Passport Health Plan Providers

Background:

Previously, Passport Health Plan (PHP) members were required to enroll in the Plan's **Yes! You Can Quit Smoking** Program to receive smoking cessation medications.

Effective October 3, 2011, **the following medications are now covered for a 12 week period (90 day supply) without PHP prior authorization (PA) or membership in the Yes! You Can Quit Smoking Program:**

- Chantix (2/day)
- Nicotine Gum (24/day)
- Nicoderm CQ Patches (1/day)

Other Details:

- After the 12-week period is completed, members are not eligible to receive smoking cessation medication again for a full 12 months.
- Providers should submit a PA if the member needs longer than the 12-week supply.
- PHP members may still enroll in the **Yes! You Can Quit Smoking** Program to work with a Smoking Cessation Coach. Interested members should call (877) 903-0082, press 0, then press 8366.
- Due to these changes, providers will no longer receive a Smoking Cessation Program Progress Report update on their PHP members.
- Smoking cessation medications are not FDA-approved for pregnant members.

Provider Action Needed:

Please prescribe the above smoking cessation medications for PHP members, as needed. If a member needs longer than a 12-week supply, please submit a prior authorization.

Questions:

If you have questions about this communication, please call (877) 903-0082, press 0, then press 8366.

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