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TO: Freestanding Family Planning, Medical, and Mental Health Clinics, Behavioral Health Clinicians, Behavioral Health Partnership, Physicians, Advanced Practice Nurses, and Pharmacy Providers
RE: Expansion of Smoking Cessation Agents, Counseling and Treatment

The purpose of this Policy Transmittal is to inform providers that pursuant to Public Act 11-44, the Department of Social Services will be expanding coverage of smoking cessation services for dates of service January 1, 2012 and forward. Coverage details are as follows:

Pharmacy Claims

Smoking cessation medications will be covered for **all** clients enrolled under **HUSKY A, HUSKY C** (formerly referred to as Medicaid fee-for-service), and **HUSKY D** (formerly referred to as Medicaid for Low Income Adults). Pharmacy claims will no longer require a diagnosis of pregnancy in the NCPDP field 494-DO.

Both federal legend and Over-the-Counter (OTC) products will be covered; **OTCs require a prescription from the prescriber.**

Please refer to the CT Medicaid Preferred Drug List for preferred smoking cessation agents that do not require prior authorization. Examples of smoking cessation agents include:

Smoking Deterrent Agents	Nicotine gum/patches, Nicotrol NS nasal spray, Nicotrol Inhalation Cartridge, Commit lozengers
Nicotine receptor Partial Agonists	Chantix – starter and continuation kits
Antidepressants	Zyban, Bupropion, Buproban

Professional Claims

Smoking cessation counseling will be covered for **all** clients enrolled under **HUSKY A, C, and D** when provided by an enrolled physician, APRN, behavioral health clinician (including psychologist, social worker, marital and family therapist, professional counselor and alcohol and drug counselor), medical clinic, mental health clinic, or family planning clinic.

When billing for smoking cessation counseling, claims for a HUSKY A, C, or D client **will require a tobacco related primary diagnostic code** (i.e. 305.1, tobacco use disorder), however, a secondary pregnancy related diagnostic code will no longer be required.

Procedure Code	Code Description
99406	Smoking and tobacco cessation counseling visit; intermediate, greater than 3 minutes up to 10 minutes
99407	intensive, greater than 10 minutes

Please note services provided by behavioral health clinicians, including smoking cessation counseling, are limited under the HUSKY C and D programs to clients under the age of twenty-one (21).

Smoking cessation counseling will continue to be covered **only for pregnant women enrolled under the HUSKY B and Charter Oak programs.** Claims for smoking cessation counseling for pregnant women enrolled under HUSKY B and Charter Oak will require a **tobacco related primary diagnostic code** (i.e. 305.1, tobacco use disorder), **AND a secondary pregnancy related diagnostic code** (i.e. 640-643.8; 645-649.7; 651-651.9; 654-657.3; 671-674.9; or V22-V23.9), otherwise the claim will deny.

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