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**TO: Freestanding Family Planning, Medical and Behavioral Health Clinics, Behavioral Health Clinicians, Outpatient Hospitals, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Physicians, Advanced Practice Nurses, Physician Assistants and Pharmacy Providers**

**RE: Updated Guidelines for Smoking Cessation Agents, Counseling and Treatment Products**

This policy transmittal supersedes PB 11-94, “Expansion of Smoking Cessation Agents, Counseling and Treatment”. It seeks to remind providers of the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) policies related to individual smoking cessation and smoking cessation treatment products to update coding, and to clarify billing for individual smoking cessation counseling in the outpatient hospital setting.

**Smoking Cessation Treatment Products**

Smoking cessation products are covered for all members enrolled under HUSKY A, HUSKY C (formerly referred to as Medicaid fee-for-service), and HUSKY D. Smoking cessation products are **not** covered for members who are enrolled under HUSKY B. Both federal legend and over-the-counter (OTC) products are covered; OTCs require a prescription from an enrolled prescriber.

Please refer to the Connecticut Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL) for preferred smoking cessation products that do not require prior authorization. The PDL can be found on the [www.ctdssmap.com](http://www.ctdssmap.com) Web site. From the Home page, go to Pharmacy Information, Preferred Drug List Information, then to Current Medicaid Preferred Drug List. Examples of smoking cessation products include:

<b>Smoking Deterrent Agents</b>	Nicotine gum/patches Nicotine NS nasal spray Nicotrol Inhalation Cartridge, Commit lozengers
<b>Nicotine Receptor Partial Agonists</b>	Chantix-starter and continuation kits
<b>Antidepressants</b>	Zyban, Bupropion, Buproban

**Family Planning Clinics: The following information within this policy transmittal supersedes the information provided to family clinic providers outlined in PB 2016-93, “2017 Family Planning Clinic Fee Schedule Update-Addition of Td, Tdap, Smoking Cessation and PrEP Services”.** The following smoking cessation products are reimbursed at a 340B discounted rate for HUSKY A, C and D members:

Products	HCPCS Code	Days’ Supply	340B Pricing	Rate (w/ dispensing fee)
Zyban	S0106	60 days	\$10.45	\$20.45
Chantix	S5001	56 days	\$37.00	\$47.00
Nicotine Patch	S4991	14 days	\$23.00	\$23.00

**Please note, codes S0106, S5001 and S4991 must be billed with the applicable National Drug Code (NDC) for the product dispensed. The quantity and NDC units must be billed as 1 in order to receive the correct reimbursement, otherwise the detail will deny.**

Similar to other medications dispensed by family planning clinics, a dispensing fee is incorporated in the reimbursement rate for the smoking cessation product. A dispensing fee of \$10.00 per quantity of 1) sixty (60) days’ supply of Zyban; and 2) fifty-six (56) days’ supply of Chantix, is included in the overall reimbursement rate for these products. The Department does not include a dispensing fee for the nicotine patch, which is considered an over-the-counter (OTC) product.

**Individual Smoking Cessation Counseling**

Smoking cessation counseling is covered for **all** members enrolled under **HUSKY A, C, and D** when provided by an enrolled physician, APRN, physician assistant, behavioral health clinician (including psychologist, social worker, marital and family therapist, professional counselor and alcohol and drug counselor), medical clinic, behavioral health clinic, family planning clinic, or federally qualified health center (FQHC).

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

When billing for individual smoking cessation counseling codes (99406, 99407), claims for a HUSKY A, C, or D member **require a nicotine dependency primary diagnosis code (i.e. F17.20- F17.299, Nicotine dependence).**

Smoking cessation counseling is covered **under HUSKY B for enrolled pregnant members.** Claims for smoking cessation counseling for pregnant members enrolled under HUSKY B require **a tobacco-related primary diagnosis code (i.e. F17.20- F17.299, Nicotine dependence), AND a secondary diagnosis code within the tobacco use disorder, complicating pregnancy (i.e. O99.330-O99.333),** otherwise the claim will deny.

**Outpatient Hospitals**

Individual smoking cessation counseling services rendered in the outpatient hospital setting must be performed in conjunction with a medical clinic, emergency department (ED) or behavioral health (BH) outpatient visit.

When individual smoking cessation counseling services are rendered during a medical visit, the

counseling services are included and reimbursed to the hospital as part of the overall outpatient hospital visit and the hospital should not bill separately. A physician, APRN, PA or Certified Nurse Midwife rendering the individual smoking cessation counseling services during the medical clinic or ED visit may bill and be reimbursed on a professional claim.

When individual smoking cessation counseling is provided by a licensed behavioral health clinician during an established behavioral health outpatient visit, the hospital may bill on behalf of the BH clinician. Outpatient hospitals must bill procedure codes 99406 and 99407 in conjunction with revenue center code 914 – Individual Therapy. Since BH services in the outpatient hospital setting are paid using bundled rates, the BH clinician may not bill separately for professional services.

Effective for dates of service July 1, 2017 and forward, procedure codes 99406 and 99407 will be payable on CMAP’s Addendum B. CMAP’s Addendum B can be accessed via [www.ctdssmap.com](http://www.ctdssmap.com) Web site by selecting the “Hospital Modernization” Web page. “CMAP’s Addendum B (Excel) is located under “Important Messages – Connecticut Hospital Modernization”.

**Federally Qualified Health Centers-Medical and Behavioral Health Encounters**

Since individual smoking cessation counseling for HUSKY Health members must occur during an established medical or behavioral health encounter, FQHCs should bill the appropriate individual smoking cessation counseling code (99406 or 99407) in addition to the encounter code T1015 for the overall visit. FQHCs should also include the appropriate nicotine/tobacco-related diagnosis code as a primary diagnosis for the counseling. As noted previously, HUSKY B members require a diagnosis code from the tobacco use disorder complicating pregnancy series, in addition to a primary diagnosis code from the tobacco dependence series, on the detail for individual smoking cessation counseling.

**Dental Practitioners and Tobacco Cessation Counseling**

For information regarding tobacco cessation counseling in the dental setting, please refer to PB 2014-71, "Tobacco Cessation/New Screening Code and Program for Dental Hygienists".

**Group Smoking Cessation Counseling**

For information regarding Group Tobacco Cessation Counseling, please refer to PB 2015-37 "Tobacco Cessation Group Counseling Services"

**Accessing the Fee Schedules:**

The updated fee schedules can be accessed and downloaded by accessing the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program Web site: [www.ctdssmap.com](http://www.ctdssmap.com). From this Web page, go to "Provider", then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download". Click on the "I accept" button and proceed to click on the appropriate fee schedule. To access the CSV file, press the control key while clicking the CSV link, then select "Open".

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