



# ***Did You Know that Individuals with Medicare Part D Can Get Prescription Medication to Help Them Quit Smoking?***

## **What is a Medicare Part D Plan?**

Medicare offers prescription drug coverage for everyone with Medicare and pays for prescription drugs instead of Medicaid. Because dual eligibles (those that receive Medicaid and Medicare benefits) have Medicaid, Medicare automatically provides extra help with Medicare drug plan costs. To ensure coverage, Medicare automatically assigns people who are dual eligibles to a prescription drug plan (PDP). Dual eligibles are allowed to switch from their auto-assigned prescription drug plan by enrolling in another PDP.

## **What plans cover Prescription Tobacco Cessation Medications (Nicotine Replacement Therapies - NRTs)?**

Please check the table on the back to find out what plans provide coverage for prescription tobacco cessation medications (NRTs).

## **If a person is dually eligible, what should they do to ensure they have access to Medicare prescription drug coverage that meet their needs?**

Physicians and caseworkers can assist dual eligibles, their families, and/or advocates in selecting and enrolling in a plan that meets their needs. No one should assume that the PDP to which a dual eligible is randomly auto-assigned will meet their needs. Each year the plans change and formularies may change, so individuals must check to make sure their plan still meets their needs.

## **What are the key things to think about when choosing a PDP?**

Physicians and caseworkers can assist individuals or their caregivers in evaluating the drug formularies of the various plans to see if the formulary includes all the drugs they need, and to see if there are any restrictions on access to those drugs. Physicians and caseworkers can also assist individuals or their caregivers in reviewing the pharmacy network to make sure the pharmacy the individual uses is part of the PDP's network.

## **Why would a person switch from one plan to another?**

A PDP may take a drug off its formulary or a dual eligible may be required to take a new drug that is not on the PDP's formulary.

## **How does a person switch to another prescription drug plan (PDP)?**

Dual eligibles are permitted to change to another PDP at any time. However, changes in a PDP will go into effect *only* on the first day of each month.

## **What is the best way to switch PDPs?**

Switching PDPs can be done by either enrolling in the new drug plan or by dis-enrolling from the current drug plan and then enrolling into the new PDP. It is strongly recommended that whenever dual eligibles want to switch from one drug plan to another, they simply enroll in the new PDP – without doing a separate dis-enrollment. By enrolling in the new PDP, there will be an automatic dis-enrollment from the previous plan.

## Prescription Tobacco Cessation Medications (Nicotine Replacement Therapies – NRTs) Covered by Medicare Part D Plans

The plans listed in the table below cover some or all of the following prescription tobacco cessation medications (nicotine replacement therapy – NRTs) prior authorization, step therapy and quantity limits apply.

- Chantix PAK
- Nicotrol Inhaler INH
- Nicotrol NS SPR 10 MG/ML

2011 Plan Name	Plan Number	Formulary Limits
AARP Medicare Rx Preferred (PDP)	S5820-017	All three included
Community CCRX Basic	S5803-087	All three included
CIGNA Medicare Rx Plan 1 (PDP)	S5617-088	Nicotrol NS SPR excluded
Humana Walmart-Preferred Rx Plan (PDP)	S5884-140	Nicotrol Inhaler INH excluded
CVS Care Mark Value (PDP)	S5601-036	All three included

*\* Anyone considering switching to one of the above listed plans that cover tobacco cessation medications should make sure their other prescription medications are covered before switching.*

### **For More Information, Call or Visit:**

- **Medicare**

1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)  
24 hours, 7 days a week, including some federal holidays  
[www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)
- **Missouri RX Plan**

1-800-375-1406 (Toll-free)  
[www.morx.mo.gov](http://www.morx.mo.gov)
- **Missouri HealthNet Division**

573-751-3425  
<http://dss.mo.gov/mhd>
- **SmokeFree.gov**

Smokefree.gov is intended to help you or someone you care about quit smoking.
- **Missouri Tobacco Quitline**

1-800-QUIT-NOW  
Calls are answered from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. seven days a week. Messages can be left after hours and the call will be returned. All smokers are provided with a free “quit kit” containing information to help them quit smoking.

