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Copays no longer required for tobacco cessation drugs

Effective retroactively for dates of services (DOS) on or after **February 1, 2020**, the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) no longer requires copayments for tobacco cessation drugs. Providers should not collect copayments for these drugs. For copayments already collected for DOS on or after February 1, 2020, the member can pursue a refund from the pharmacy provider.

Tobacco cessation drugs exempt for copayment include, but may not be limited to, varenicline, bupropion for tobacco cessation, and nicotine replacement therapies. Preferred Drug List (PDL) and utilization management edits may still apply for tobacco cessation drugs. *Note: This change is unrelated to the temporary suspension of all drug copays previously announced in IHCP Bulletin [BT202044](#).*

The fee-for-service (FFS) PDL and prior authorization (PA) criteria can be found on the OptumRx Indiana Medicaid website, accessible via the [Pharmacy Services](#) page at in.gov/medicaid/providers.

Please direct FFS PA requests and questions about the FFS PDL or this bulletin to the OptumRx Clinical and Technical Help Desk by calling toll-free 1-855-577-6317. Questions regarding pharmacy benefits for members in the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP), Hoosier Healthwise, and Hoosier Care Connect should be referred to the managed care entity (MCE) with which the member is enrolled.



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