



SMOKING CESSATION IN PREGNANCY PA SUMMARY

PREFERRED	Buproban/Bupropion [smoking deterrent] SR 150mg generic (generic Zyban only), Nicotine gum generic, Nicotine lozenge generic, Nicotine transdermal patch generic
NON-PREFERRED	Chantix, Commit, Nicoderm CQ, Nicorette, Nicotrol Inhaler, Nicotrol NS, Zyban

LENGTH OF AUTHORIZATION: 12 weeks (84 days)

NOTE:

- ❖ Smoking cessation medications are covered only for pregnant smokers. All covered medications require prior authorization (PA).
- ❖ Covered medications are approvable with a one-time prior authorization. A maximum duration of 12 weeks (84 days) is allowed per pregnancy. Only one smoking cessation product will be covered per month and concurrent smoking cessation therapy is not allowed.
- ❖ The Smoking Cessation in Pregnancy PA Request Form must be completed and submitted by fax by the physician or physician's office and signed by the physician (stamped signatures are not allowed). Telephonic submissions of the Smoking Cessation in Pregnancy PA Request Form are not allowed. The form is located at <http://dch.georgia.gov/prior-authorization-process-and-criteria>.

PA CRITERIA:

For Generic Nicotine Gum, Lozenge, or Patch

- ❖ Approvable for pregnant, nicotine-dependent members
- ❖ Member must continue smoking cessation counseling and be routinely monitored through face-to-face counseling while on smoking cessation pharmacotherapy.

For Buproban/Bupropion SR 150mg (generic) or Zyban (brand)

- ❖ Approvable for pregnant, nicotine-dependent members
- ❖ Member must continue smoking cessation counseling and be routinely monitored through face-to-face counseling while on smoking cessation pharmacotherapy.
- ❖ Member must NOT have a diagnosis or prior history of seizure disorder, bulimia, or anorexia nervosa.
- ❖ Additionally, brand-name Zyban requires trial and failure of at least one preferred smoking cessation product.

For Chantix

- ❖ Approvable for pregnant, nicotine-dependent members
- ❖ Member must continue smoking cessation counseling and be routinely monitored through face-to-face counseling while on smoking cessation pharmacotherapy.



- ❖ Member must NOT have a diagnosis or prior history of a psychiatric illness (schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder).
- ❖ Member must have tried and failed at least one preferred smoking cessation product.

For Commit, Nicoderm CQ, Nicorette, Nicotrol Inhaler, Nicotrol NS

- ❖ Approvable for pregnant, nicotine-dependent members
- ❖ Member must continue smoking cessation counseling and be routinely monitored through face-to-face counseling while on smoking cessation pharmacotherapy.
- ❖ Member must have tried and failed at least one preferred smoking cessation product.

EXCEPTIONS:

- ❖ Exceptions to these conditions of coverage are considered through the prior authorization process.
- ❖ The Prior Authorization process must be initiated by completing the Smoking Cessation in Pregnancy Prior Authorization Request Form and **faxing to Catamaran at 1-888-491-9742**. The form can be found at <http://dch.georgia.gov/prior-authorization-process-and-criteria>.

PA and APPEAL PROCESS:

- ❖ For online access to the PA process please go to www.mmis.georgia.gov/portal, highlight the pharmacy link on the top right side of the page, and click on “prior approval process”.

QUANTITY LEVEL LIMITATIONS:

- ❖ For online access to the current Quantity Level Limit please go to www.mmis.georgia.gov/portal, highlight Provider Information and click on Provider Manuals. Scroll to the page with Pharmacy Services Part II and select that manual.