

Billing Information



www.attud.org

Association for the Treatment of Tobacco Use and Dependence website. Click Resources & Links, then click Medicare FAQs.

www.aafp.org/tobacco

American Academy of Family Physicians website. Click Reimbursement/Payments and then click Coding References.

www.cms.hhs.gov

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) website provides a variety of educational resources as part of a broad outreach campaign to promote awareness and increase utilization of preventive services covered by Medicare. Click Medicare for coding information.

www.medicare.gov

The official U.S. government website for Medicare. Scroll to the bottom and click Provider Information. For billing problems and questions please call toll-free 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

www.tobaccoCME.com/ahecce

Information, patient resources and CME credit on this website are free to providers. Click Florida AHEC professionals, click Resources, click Reimbursement.

Other Resources

ONLINE RESOURCES

www.ahectobacco.com

AHEC website with free patient and provider resources and CME/CE information. Lists smoking cessation classes and Quitline information

www.aheceducation.com

Florida Keys AHEC website offering on-line modules and free CME and CE at no fee

www.ffsonline.org

American Lung Association website offering on-line smoking cessation courses

TELEPHONE RESOURCES

Quit Smoking NOW classes in your county, call 1-87-QUIT-NOW-6 (1-877-848-6696)

Quitline offers 5 counseling sessions and free NRT, call 1-877-U-CAN-NOW (1-877-822-6669)

SMOKING AND TOBACCO-USE CESSATION COUNSELING SERVICES, REIMBURSEMENT AND RESOURCES



COMPLIMENTS OF:

**Florida AHEC Network
Tobacco Training and
Cessation Program**

Medicare Coverage

- Medicare does provide financial assistance with tobacco cessation
- Up to 8 sessions in a 12 month period are covered
- As of March 2005, Medicare Part B coverage was expanded to include two new levels of smoking and tobacco cessation counseling—intermediate and intensive
- When billing for smoking and tobacco cessation counseling, use the following codes:

99406: Intermediate 3-10 minutes of counseling. Reimbursement rate: \$12.89

99407: Intensive greater than 10 minutes of counseling. Reimbursement rate: \$25.39

- The first 3 minutes (intermediate) of counseling is included in the standard E/M office visit
- Medicare Part D covers physician-prescribed nicotine replacement therapy which includes nasal spray, oral inhaler, bupropion and varenicline
- Over-the-counter treatments such as nicotine gum, nicotine patches and lozenge are not covered

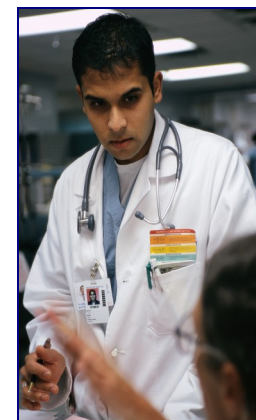
Private Insurance

- Private insurance varies and patients should be advised to contact their private insurance companies to get more information
- Insured patients can take a more proactive approach to tobacco cessation treatment and counseling by being familiar with their coverage
- When plans do cover counseling, physicians can bill for it using the **ICD-9** code for tobacco dependence, **305.1** (tobacco abuse)
- Include the appropriate CPT code for preventive medicine and counseling and risk factor reduction interventions services codes #99401-99404
- These codes are not to be used to report counseling and risk factor reduction involving patients with symptoms of established illness



Medicaid Coverage

- Medicaid patients who use tobacco products can obtain financial and medical assistance with tobacco cessation
- Florida provides coverage for the nicotine gum, nicotine patch, and bupropion
- Patients must get a prescription from their physician for these medications
- Unfortunately the lozenge, nasal spray, oral inhaler, and varenicline are not covered



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