

New Medicaid Benefits for Tobacco Cessation Counseling

Starting May 1, 2019, Texas Medicaid includes benefits for smoking and tobacco cessation counseling services for members age 10 and older. Up to eight services may be received in a 12 month period. Additional services can be received if medically necessary and documented by your provider.

Prescription nicotine replacement and other smoking or tobacco cessation medications are also covered by Texas Medicaid if the medications are included in the Texas Vendor Drug Program formulary.

Due to this benefit change, the *Help to Quit Smoking* Amerigroup value-added benefit for Medicaid members will be replaced by the Texas Medicaid benefits. CHIP members will have no change to their value-added benefit at this time.

Have questions? We're just a call away.

We're glad you're our member and want you to understand your benefits. Call Member Services toll-free at 1-800-600-4441 (TTY 711), Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Central time. STAR Kids members, call 1-844-756-4600 (TTY 711) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Central time.

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