



ALBERTA BLUE CROSS® PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES

ALBERTAQUITS PHARMACY CLAIMS REFERENCE GUIDE

General description

AlbertaQuits is a cessation service for Albertans who use tobacco products and wish to access support to reduce and stop smoking tobacco.

If individuals meet Alberta Health Services (AHS) eligibility criteria, the program provides them with eligible Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) and smoking cessation drug benefits free of charge. More information about AlbertaQuits is available at albertaquits.ca or by calling 1-866-710-QUIT (7848).

Participants eligible for AlbertaQuits coverage will receive an enrolment confirmation letter from Alberta Blue Cross®, which includes their eligibility period, a list of eligible products and an Alberta Blue Cross ID card. Participants must present the letter at their pharmacy to confirm their approval of benefits under an AlbertaQuits program. Pharmacists do not need to keep this letter on file.

Below is a summary of AlbertaQuits programs with eligible NRT and smoking cessation drug benefits.

Program name	Section	Dollar maximum	Percent covered	Enrolment period
QuitCore	A	\$500	100%	24 weeks
Alberta Lung Cancer Screening Pilot	D	\$500	100%	14 weeks

Additional information can be found in Pharmacy Benefacts 1125, 1062, 695 and 615.

Eligible NRT and smoking cessation products

The following products are benefits under the AlbertaQuits program.

DIN/NPN	Product Description
02419882	APO-VARENICLINE 0.5 MG TABLET
02435675	APO-VARENICLINE 0.5 MG/1 MG TABLET STARTER PACK
02419890	APO-VARENICLINE 1 MG TABLET
02291177	CHAMPIX 0.5 MG TABLET
02298309	CHAMPIX 0.5 MG/1 MG TABLET STARTER PACK
02291185	CHAMPIX 1 MG TABLET
01943065	HABITROL 14 MG/DAY (36 MG/PTH) TRANSDERMAL PATCH
01943073	HABITROL 21 MG/DAY (52.5 MG/PTH) TRANSDERMAL PATCH
01943057	HABITROL 7 MG/DAY (17.5 MG/PTH) TRANSDERMAL PATCH
80061161	NIC-HIT 1 MG LOZENGE
80054636	NIC-HIT 1 MG ORAL SPRAY
80059877	NIC-HIT 2 MG LOZENGE
80060452	NIC-HIT 2 MG ORAL SPRAY
80059869	NIC-HIT 4 MG LOZENGE
02093138	NICODERM 14 MG/DAY (78 MG/PTH) TRANSDERMAL PATCH
02093146	NICODERM 21 MG/DAY (114 MG/PTH) TRANSDERMAL PATCH

02093111	NICODERM 7 MG/DAY (36 MG/PTH) TRANSDERMAL PATCH
02091933	NICORETTE 2 MG ORAL GUM
02091941	NICORETTE 4 MG ORAL GUM
02241742	NICORETTE INHALER 10 MG/CARTRIDGE
02247347	NICORETTE MINI LOZENGE 2 MG
02247348	NICORETTE MINI LOZENGE 4 MG
80038858	NICORETTE QUICKMIST 1 MG/SPRAY
80007461	NICOTINE LOZENGES; THRIVE LOZENGES 1 MG
80007464	NICOTINE LOZENGES; THRIVE LOZENGES 2 MG
80000396	NICOTINELL; THRIVE 2 MG ORAL GUM
80000402	NICOTINELL; THRIVE 4 MG ORAL GUM
80053099	NOVA 2 MG LOZENGE
80053100	NOVA 4 MG LOZENGE
02426226	TEVA-VARENICLINE 0.5 MG TABLET
02426781	TEVA-VARENICLINE 0.5 MG/1 MG TABLET STARTER PACK
02426234	TEVA-VARENICLINE 1 MG TABLET
02241226	TRANSDERMAL NICOTINE 14 MG/ DAY (35 MG/PTH) PATCH
02241228	TRANSDERMAL NICOTINE 21 MG/DAY (52.5 MG/PTH) PATCH
02241227	TRANSDERMAL NICOTINE 7MG/ DAY (17.5 MG/PTH) PATCH
80044392	TRANSDERMAL NICOTINE PATCH; NICOTINE PATCH 14 MG
80044389	TRANSDERMAL NICOTINE PATCH; NICOTINE PATCH 21 MG
80044393	TRANSDERMAL NICOTINE PATCH; NICOTINE PATCH 7 MG
02238441	ZYBAN 150 MG SUSTAINED-RELEASE TABLET

Claiming details

Please note that smoking cessation products such as Champix and Zyban require a prescription; however, over-the-counter NRT products, such as Nicorette, may be dispensed without a prescription. Supplementary documentation to support claims submission must be kept in the patient's file or record of care. The program provides for the submission of direct-bill claims only. Participants are not eligible to claim for reimbursement.

When billing claims for eligible products, Alberta Blue Cross requires that the claims be submitted electronically through the Alberta Blue Cross PRIDE-RT direct bill claim adjudication system with the following claim data elements:

- Carrier code 11 (as the third-party plan)
- Group number 23699 for all transactions
- Section for transactions should be as identified on their ID card:
 - Section A (QuitCore) or
 - Section D (Alberta Lung Cancer Screening Pilot).
- Pharmacy license number

- Pharmacist identification number
- Participant's Personal Health Number (PHN) and tag number as identified on their ID card.
- Participant's full name (last and first name)
- Participant's date of birth
- Relationship code: should your software require you to enter a relationship code, zero (0) must be used as the default
- Prescriber reference code
- Prescriber ID number (if dispensing for over-the-counter NRT products without a prescription, the pharmacist ID can be used as the prescriber ID)
- Date of service
- Product NPN or DIN from the AlbertaQuits product list
- Quantity

Direct-bill claims are to be submitted using the appropriate NPN or DIN from the product list provided, along with the cost of the product (manufacturer list price or the base price) and allowable upcharge #1, plus allowable upcharge #2 and a dispensing fee (up to a maximum of \$12.15).

Frequently asked questions regarding the AlbertaQuits program

1. Do AlbertaQuits plan members always require a prescription for the products?

No. Smoking cessation products such as Champix and Zyban require a prescription; however, over-the-counter NRT products, such as Nicorette, may be dispensed without a prescription.

2. Where can someone get more information about AlbertaQuits?

More information about AlbertaQuits is available at albertaquits.ca or by calling 1-866-710-QUIT (7848).

3. What can a plan member do if they have reached their maximums?

If a plan member has reached their program maximums and requires additional coverage, they can contact the AlbertaQuits program to submit an exception request.

