

Alberta Health Services AlbertaQuits Program (Group number 23699)

Background

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 AHS's eligibility criteria, the program provides participants 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).

Program participation and benefit eligibility

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 the AlbertaQuits programs with eligible NRT benefits and smoking cessation benefits.

Program Name	Section	Dollar Maximum	Percent Covered	Enrollment 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 1062, 695 and 615.

The program provides for submission of direct-bill claims only. Participants are not eligible to claim for reimbursement. Smoking cessation products such as Champix and Zyban require a prescription; however, Over-The-Counter (OTC) 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.

Claiming details for pharmacy providers

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 for all transactions must be 23699
- Section for transactions should be as identified on their ID card:
 - o Section A (QuitCore) or
 - o Section D (Alberta Lung Cancer Screening Pilot).

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- Client number: Participant's Personal Health Number (PHN) and tag number as identified on their ID card
- Claims are to be submitted with the appropriate Natural Product Number (NPN) or Drug Identification Number (DIN) from the product list provided on the next page
- Drug Cost—based on the Manufacturer List Price (MLP) or the Base Price plus Allowable Upcharge #1, Allowable Upcharge #2, Dispensing Fee up to a maximum of \$12.15

For additional information to assist with billing eligible NRT and smoking cessation products under the AlbertaQuits program, including a list of eligible products and frequently asked questions, please refer to the AlbertaQuits Pharmacy Claims Reference Guide located at ab.bluecross.ca/pdfs/AlbertaQuits-Pharmacy-Claims-Reference-Guide.pdf.

For assistance with benefit or claim inquiries, please contact an Alberta Blue Cross Pharmacy Services Provider Relations contact centre representative at

780-498-8370 (Edmonton and area)

403-294-4041 (Calgary and area)

1-800-361-9632 (toll free)

FAX 780-498-8406 (Edmonton and area)

FAX 1-877-305-9911 (toll free)

Alberta Blue Cross offers online access to current Pharmacy Benefacts and supplemental claiming information to assist with the submission of your direct bill drug claims.

Visit ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-home.php

