

## Alberta Health Services QuitCore program (Group number 23699, Section A)

Effective June 1, 2016, the Alberta Health Services QuitCore program—designed to assist Albertans in making a change in their tobacco use— will provide participants meeting eligibility criteria Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) drug benefits at no charge.

QuitCore is a free group support program designed to assist adult Albertans in making a change in their tobacco use whether their goal is smoking cessation, to reduce their use as an interim step or they have recently quit and wish to maintain the change. While the majority of people who attend QuitCore are people who are currently smoking, it is also open to those who use smokeless tobacco. Group cessation programs are one of the most effective means of increasing an individual's chances of quitting tobacco use successfully.

QuitCore groups are offered in more than 20 communities around the province through partnership with AHS programs, primary care networks, family care clinics and specialty settings. More information about the QuitCore program is available on the Alberta Health Services QuitCore web site at <https://www.albertaquits.ca/my-quit-centre/groups>.

This opportunity allowing participants to connect with the knowledge and expertise of community pharmacists through this new NRT support program is a valuable evolution of service. Pharmacists play a key role in helping Albertans towards a tobacco-free future.

### Program participation and benefit eligibility

Participants eligible to receive NRT will receive an enrolment confirmation letter from Alberta Blue Cross which will include a list of eligible NRT products and an Alberta Blue Cross ID card specific to the QuitCore program. Participants may present the letter at the pharmacy. **Pharmacists do not need to keep this letter on file.** Participants are required to present their Alberta Blue Cross QuitCore ID cards at the pharmacy and are able to receive 100 per cent coverage for eligible NRT products up to a maximum of \$500.00 within the seven month period following their enrolment in the QuitCore program.

### Claiming details for pharmacy providers

When billing claims for the eligible NRT 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
- Group number for all transactions should be 23699, Section A
- Claims are to be submitted with the appropriate Natural Product Number (NPN) 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 \$12.30

The Program provides for direct bill claims submission only. Participants are not eligible to claim for reimbursement.

Supplementary documentation to support claims submission must be kept in the patient's file (or record of care).

... continued from previous page

NPN	Product description	Unit of issue
00001943057	HABITROL 7 MG/DAY (17.5 MG/PTH) TRANSDERMAL PATCH	PTH
00001943065	HABITROL 14 MG/DAY (36 MG/PTH) TRANSDERMAL PATCH	PTH
00001943073	HABITROL 21 MG/DAY (52.5 MG/PTH) TRANSDERMAL PATCH	PTH
00002091933	NICORETTE 2 MG ORAL GUM	PIECE
00002091941	NICORETTE 4 MG ORAL GUM	PIECE
00002093111	NICODERM 7 MG/DAY (36 MG/PTH) TRANSDERMAL PATCH	PTH
00002093138	NICODERM 14 MG/DAY (78 MG/PTH) TRANSDERMAL PATCH	PTH
00002093146	NICODERM 21 MG/DAY (114 MG/PTH) TRANSDERMAL PATCH	PTH
00002241226	TRANSDERMAL NICOTINE 14 MG/ DAY (35 MG/PTH) PATCH	PTH
00002241227	TRANSDERMAL NICOTINE 7MG/ DAY (17.5 MG/PTH) PATCH	PTH
00002241228	TRANSDERMAL NICOTINE 21 MG/DAY (52.5 MG/PTH) PATCH	PTH
00002241742	NICORETTE INHALER 10 MG/DOSE	DOSE
00002247347	NICORETTE MINI LOZENGE 2 MG	LOZ
00002247348	NICORETTE MINI LOZENGE 4 MG	LOZ
00080000396	NICOTINELL; THRIVE 2 MG ORAL GUM	PIECE
00080000402	NICOTINELL/THRIVE 4 MG ORAL GUM	PIECE
00080007461	NICOTINE LOZENGES; THRIVE LOZENGES 1 MG	LOZ
00080007464	NICOTINE LOZENGES; THRIVE LOZENGES 2 MG	LOZ
00080015240	RUGBY NICOTINE POLACRILEX; NIC-ASSIST 2 MG GUM	PIECE
00080038858	NICORETTE QUICKMIST 1 MG/SPRAY	DOSE
00080044389	TRANSDERMAL NICOTINE PATCH; NICOTINE PATCH 21 MG	PTH
00080044392	TRANSDERMAL NICOTINE PATCH; NICOTINE PATCH 14 MG	PTH
00080044393	TRANSDERMAL NICOTINE PATCH; NICOTINE PATCH 7 MG	PTH

continued on next page ...

Sample card

GROUP <b>23699</b>	SECTION <b>A</b>	CLASS <b>SINGLE</b>
<hr/>		
IDENTIFICATION NO. <b>123456789</b>	NAME <b>JOHN DOE</b>	
<hr/>		
<b>ALBERTA BLUE CROSS®</b>		
<hr/>		
SUBSCRIBER <b>JOHN DOE</b> <b>QUITCORE PROGRAM</b>		
<hr/>		
BENEFITS <b>NICOTINE REPLACEMENT 100%</b>		EFFECTIVE YY/MM/DD <b>16/06/01</b>
<hr/>		
<small>By presenting this card or Alberta Blue Cross identification number, I acknowledge that I consent to the use of my personal information for the administration of my benefit plan as described in the Alberta Blue Cross Privacy Policy posted at <a href="http://www.ab.bluecross.ca">www.ab.bluecross.ca</a> or call 1-800-661-6995.</small>		

When you have questions:

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 Benefits and supplemental claiming information to assist with the submission of your direct bill drug claims. Visit <https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/providers/pharmacy-home.php>



\*\*The Blue Cross symbol and name are registered marks of the Canadian Association of Blue Cross Plans, an association of independent Blue Cross plans. Licensed to ABC Benefits Corporation for use in operating the Alberta Blue Cross Plan. \*† Blue Shield is a registered trade-mark of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association. ABC 82320.615 2016/05

