

Alameda Alliance Formulary Changes for Nicotine Replacement and Chantix Effective January 15, 2016

Nicotine lozenge and Chantix now on formulary for Alameda Alliance- no PAR necessary. If the pharmacy says that the med is not covered send them a copy of this information and urge them to go to the website below. When formulary changes are made it sometimes takes time for the pharmacies to be aware of them.

What's covered:

Nicotine Lozenge 2mg 360 per 30 days up to 12 per day

Nicotine Lozenge 4 mg 360/30 days

Nicotine Gum 2 mg 360 /30 days

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*** WRITE ALL LOZENGE AND GUM PRESCRIPTIONS AS THE NUMBER YOU WANT PLUS QS (QUANTITY SUFFICIENT) . THERE ARE SO MANY DIFFERENT NUMBERS OF PIECES OF GUM AND LOZENGE IN THE PACKAGES WRITING QS ALLOWS THE PHARMACIST TO GIVE 2 PACKS OF 100 IF YOU HAVE WRITTEN SCRIP FOR 180 QUANTITY - if that is the closest item he has available that will be sufficient.

Chantix is approved for 6 months. After 6 months the Alliance wants a PAR indicating that barriers to success are being addressed for additional coverage

Chantix 0.5 mg 60 /30 days

Chantix 1mg 60 /30 days

Chantix starting **box** not pack is covered. 11 (.5) mg white pills and 42 (1) mg blue pills.

Chantix Continuing **box** (60 1 mg pills) not pack is covered

All tobacco treatment patients are expected to be receiving counseling by clinician or referred to groups, individual counseling or helpline. This should be documented in the chart.

You can find these specifications on the Alameda Alliance Formulary Under n for the nicotine gum and lozenge and under c for the chantix products.

<https://client.formularynavigator.com/Search.aspx?siteCode=2661492682>

If the patient is on Medi-Cal these meds will still require a Par if the patient is already getting 6 other medications