

Helping **MEDI-CAL *fee-for-service*** Patients Quit Smoking Just Got Easier **No quit certificate or letter required**



Flyer from SFGH/ TFP-SFGH Stop Smoking Program

Nicoderm CQ patches:

Patients can receive up to 14 weeks of Nicoderm CQ patches per course of therapy. A maximum of 28 patches at a time are dispensed.

For either Nicotine patches or Bupropion [Restricted to brand name: Zyban]

Patients can receive two courses of therapy per 12 month period. A six-month break between courses is no longer required.

Varenicline/Chantix [New : As of 7- 1- 2011]

Maximum quantity of 56 tablets per dispensing (“month to month” or 28 days) over a 12 week period from the date the first prescription is dispensed. Prescription must be filled continuously. There is no break in treatment allowed. Maximum of two courses of therapy per 12-month period.

What is Still Recommended:

Providers can write the Rx. for cessation aids and medication, but Medi-Cal recommends patients participate in a behavior based intervention as part of their treatment plan.

Please Note: Nicotine gum and the Nicotine lozenge still require a TAR but no quit certificate of enrollment in a behavior based intervention is necessary.

Medi-Cal Update Bulletin Websites 746: <http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/bulletins/artfull/ph201102r.asp>
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