Helping MEDI-CAL *fee-for-service* Patients Quit Smoking Just Got Easier

No *quit certificate* or *letter required*

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**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.

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*Flyer from SFGH/ TFP-SFGH Stop Smoking Program*

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SEND BULLETINS WITH PRESCRIPTION TO LET PHARMACIES KNOW