

new guidelines for Medi-Cal dispensing of zyban and nicotine patch.

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Medi-Cal List of Contract Drugs

The following provider manual sections have been updated: *Drugs: Contract Drugs List Part 1 – Prescription Drugs, Drugs: Contract Drugs List Part 2 – Over-the-Counter Drugs* and *Drugs: Contract Drugs List Part 4 – Therapeutic Classifications Drugs*.

Drug	Strength and/or Size	Billing Unit
Changes, effective March 1, 2011		
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| * Tablets | 75 mg | ea |
| | 100 mg | ea |
| * Restricted to NDC labeler code 00173 (GlaxoSmithKline) for the tablets only. | | |
| * Tablets | 150 mg | ea |
| | 300 mg | ea |
| * Restricted to NDC labeler codes 00173 (GlaxoSmithKline) and 64455 (BTA Pharmaceuticals, Inc) for the extended release (24-hour) tablets only. | | |
| * Tablets, sustained release (12-hour) | 100 mg | ea |
| | 150 mg | ea |
| | 200 mg | ea |
| * Restricted to NDC labeler code 00173 (GlaxoSmithKline) for the sustained release (12-hour) tablets only. | | |
| + * Tablets, sustained release for smoking cessation | 150 mg | ea |
| * Restricted to brand name Zyban only with NDC labeler code 00173 (GlaxoSmithKline) for smoking cessation only and Pharmacy must obtain a letter or certificate of enrollment for the patient from a behavioral modification smoking cessation program. to be part of a comprehensive smoking cessation treatment, which includes behavioral modification support. Also restricted to a maximum quantity of 60 tablets per dispensing and therapy lasting up to 12 weeks from the dispensing date of the first prescription and two courses of therapy per 12-month period separated by six months. Pharmacies no longer need to obtain or verify a letter or certificate prior to dispensing. | | |

* NICOTINE

- * ~~Pharmacy must obtain a letter or certificate of enrollment for the patient from a behavioral modification smoking cessation program. Also restricted to (1) a quantity of 14 patches per dispensing; (2) three dispensings in a 42-day period; and (3) therapy lasting up to six weeks from the dispensing date of the first~~

