

Pharmacy Benefact

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Alberta Health Services Nicotine Replacement Therapy Pilot Program (Group number 23659 Section A)

Starting in October 2013, the Alberta Health Services Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) Pilot Program—*Improving the Physical Health of People Being Treated for Mental Health and Addictions*—will be available to select program participants. The program will evaluate the effectiveness and feasibility of providing NRT free of charge to patients engaged in mental health and addiction treatment following discharge from the hospital.

The following four sites will be participating in the Program:

- Alberta Hospital Edmonton
- Central Centre for Mental Health Brain Injury (CCHMBI) Ponoka
- Claresholm Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (including Lander Treatment Centre)


Program participation and benefit eligibility

Effective October 2013, upon discharge from the hospital, select participants will be enrolled in the NRT program, receive a short supply of NRT, a prescription for NRT and an Alberta Blue Cross ID card. For the duration of the program, the Alberta Blue Cross ID card entitles participants to receive 100 per cent coverage for NRT drug benefits, up to a maximum of \$1200 within the one year period following enrolment in NRT Program (Group 23659 Section A). Coverage under the NRT Program is for the participant only. All participants are enrolled with single coverage. There is no cost to the participants.

Claiming details for pharmacy providers

When billing claims for NRT products, Alberta Blue Cross requires that the claims be submitted electronically through the Alberta Blue Cross PRIDE-RT direct bill claim adjudication system using carrier code 11 for Group 23659 section A. Claims are to be submitted with the appropriate NPN (Natural Product Number) from the product list provided below along with the Actual Acquisition Cost of the drug product, the Additional Inventory Allowance (AIA) and Dispensing Fee costs as per Appendix "A", Schedule of Prices of "The Alberta Blue Cross Pharmacy Agreement". The Program provides for direct bill claims submission only. Participants are not eligible to claim for reimbursement.

Sample Card

GROUP 23659	SECTION A	CLASS SINGLE	
IDENTIFICATION NO. 1234567 - 01	NAME JOHN DOE		SUBSCRIBER JOHN DOE NICOTINE REPLACEMENT THERAPY PROGRAM
			BENEFITS NICOTINE REPLACEMENT 100%
			EFFECTIVE YY/MM/DD 13/10/01

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 www.ab.bluecross.ca or call 1-800-661-6995.

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List of eligible benefits

NPN	Product description
00080038858	NICORETTE QUICKMIST 1 MG/SPRAY
00002241742	NICORETTE INHALER 10 MG/DOSE
00002091933	NICORETTE 2 MG ORAL GUM
00080000396	NICOTINELL; THRIVE 2 MG ORAL GUM
00002091941	NICORETTE 4 MG ORAL GUM
00080000402	NICOTINELL/THRIVE 4 MG ORAL GUM
00080007461	NICOTINE LOZENGES; THRIVE LOZENGES 1 MG
00002247347	NICORETTE MINI LOZENGE 2 MG
00080007464	NICOTINE LOZENGES; THRIVE LOZENGES 2 MG
00001943057	HABITROL 7 MG/DAY (17.5 MG/PTH) TRANSDERMAL PATCH
00002093111	NICODERM 7 MG/DAY (36 MG/PTH) TRANSDERMAL PATCH
00080015461	NICOTINE PATCH 7 MG/DAY TRANSDERMAL PATCH
00002241227	TRANSDERMAL NICOTINE 7MG/ DAY (17.5 MG/PTH) PATCH
00001943065	HABITROL 14 MG/DAY (36 MG/PTH) TRANSDERMAL PATCH
00002093138	NICODERM 14 MG/DAY (78 MG/PTH) TRANSDERMAL PATCH
00080015460	NICOTINE PATCH 14 MG/DAY TRANSDERMAL PATCH
00002241226	TRANSDERMAL NICOTINE 14 MG/ DAY (35 MG/PTH) PATCH
00001943073	HABITROL 21 MG/DAY (52.5 MG/PTH) TRANSDERMAL PATCH
00002093146	NICODERM 21 MG/DAY (114 MG/PTH) TRANSDERMAL PATCH
00080015459	NICOTINE PATCH 21 MG/DAY TRANSDERMAL PATCH
00002241228	TRANSDERMAL NICOTINE 21 MG/DAY (52.5 MG/PTH) PATCH

If you experience any issues submitting claims for Nicotine Replacement Therapy Pilot Program participants, contact Alberta Blue Cross Pharmacy Services Provider Relations call centre at 780-498-8370 (Edmonton and area) or toll free at 1-800-361-9632.

When you have questions:

For assistance with benefit or claim inquiries, please contact an Alberta Blue Cross Pharmacy Services Provider Relations call 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)



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