



# ***Did You Know that Individuals with Medicare Part D Can Get Prescription Medications to Help Them Quit Smoking?***

## **What is a Medicare Part D Plan?**

Medicare offers prescription drug coverage for everyone with Medicare and pays for prescription drugs instead of Medicaid. Persons with dual eligibility (those that receive Medicaid and Medicare benefits) will have their Medicare deductible and copay reimbursed by Medicaid. To ensure coverage, Medicare automatically assigns people who are dual eligibles to a prescription drug plan (PDP). Dual eligibles are allowed to switch from their auto-assigned prescription drug plan by enrolling in another PDP.

## **Do 2014 plans cover prescription Tobacco Cessation Medications?**

Most DMH clients who are dual eligibles for both Medicaid and Medicare have Original Medicare with no premiums. There are seven national plans of this kind. Of these, only three cover tobacco cessation medications. Please see the table on the back for specifics.

## **If a person is dually eligible, what should they do to ensure they have access to Medicare prescription drug coverage that meets their needs?**

Physicians and caseworkers can assist dual eligibles, their families, and/or advocates in selecting and enrolling in a plan that meets their needs. No one should assume that the PDP to which a dual eligible is randomly auto-assigned will meet their needs. Each year the plans change and formularies may change, so individuals must check to make sure their plan still meets their needs.

## **What are the key things to think about when choosing a PDP?**

Physicians and caseworkers can assist individuals or their caregivers in evaluating the drug formularies of the various plans to see if the formulary includes all the medications they need, and to see if there are any restrictions on access to those medications. Physicians and caseworkers can also assist individuals or their caregivers in reviewing the pharmacy network to make sure the pharmacy the individual uses is part of the PDP's network.

## **Why would a person switch from one plan to another?**

A PDP may take a drug off its formulary or a dual eligible may be required to take a new drug that is not on the PDP's formulary.

## **How does a person switch to another prescription drug plan (PDP)?**

**Dual eligibles are permitted to change to another PDP at any time.** However, changes in a PDP will go into effect *only* on the first day of each month.

## **What is the best way to switch PDPs?**

Switching PDPs can be done by either enrolling in the new drug plan or by disenrolling from the current drug plan and then enrolling into the new PDP. It is strongly recommended that whenever dual eligibles want to switch from one drug plan to another, they simply enroll in the new PDP – without doing a separate disenrollment. By enrolling in the new PDP, there will be an automatic disenrollment from the previous plan.



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## What prescription tobacco cessation medications are covered by Medicare Part D?

Only prescription drugs are covered. These are:

- Chantix (Varenicline)
- Nicotrol (inhaler and spray—over-the-counter forms of Nicotrol such as patches and gum are not available through Part D)

Prior authorization, step therapy, and quantity limits may apply.

## What plans currently provide coverage for the above tobacco cessation medications?

The plans listed in the table below are Original Medicare plans, have no monthly premium, and cover the above prescription tobacco cessation medications during 2014. All three of these plans are available nationwide and, hence, are available throughout Missouri.

Plan Name	Plan Number
AARP Medicare Rx Saver Plus	S5921-363-0
Windsor Rx	S2502-010-0
CIGNA Medicare Rx Secure	S5617-088-0

*\* Anyone considering switching to one of the above listed plans that cover tobacco cessation medications should make sure their other prescription medications are covered before switching.*

## For More Information, Call or Visit:

- ◆ **Medicare** 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)  
24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including some federal holidays  
[www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)
- ◆ **Missouri RX Plan** 1-800-375-1406 (Toll-free)  
[www.morx.mo.gov](http://www.morx.mo.gov)
- ◆ **MO HealthNet Division** 573-751-3425  
<http://dss.mo.gov/mhd>
- ◆ **SmokeFree.gov** Smokefree.gov is intended to help you or someone you care about quit smoking.
- ◆ **Missouri Tobacco Quitline** 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669)  
Calls are answered from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. seven days a week. Messages can be left after hours and the call will be returned. All smokers are provided with a free “quit kit” containing information to help them quit smoking.