



**BlueCross BlueShield
of Illinois**

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois Provider Manual

HMO Scope of Benefits Section

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, a Division of Health Care Service Corporation, a Mutual Legal Reserve Company,
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Tobacco Cessation

Benefit

Medical, Behavioral and Pharmacotherapy treatments for tobacco cessation are covered benefits when prescribed by a health care provider.

Interpretation

Examples of medical treatments include, but are not limited to, laser treatment, counseling, behavioral therapy, biofeedback and acupuncture. Treatment for cessation of smokeless tobacco products is also a covered benefit. Laser Acupuncture treatment using low level laser therapy is a covered benefit when determined medically necessary by the Primary Care Provider (PCP) and performed by a certified licensed provider.

Non-medical (usually community-based) ancillary services and/or educational programs (i.e., smoking cessation classes) are not covered; however, these services may be valuable, and their recommendation is encouraged. Any charges incurred for non-medical services are the financial responsibility of the member.

FDA approved prescription and OTC (Over the counter) medications/products (such as nicotine gum and patches) are covered benefits. These are covered with zero copay for **two 90-day treatment regimens per calendar year**. There is no coverage for tobacco cessation medications after the two 90-day periods per calendar year.

Paid by	Professional Charges for medical treatment	IPA
	Charges for Laser Smoking Cessation Treatment	IPA
	Charges for non-medical treatment	Member
	Over the counter medications/products	HMO will reimburse the member upon the HMO's receipt of medical provider order and purchase documentation
	Prescription Medications	Member's RX coverage (if applicable)

Note: Member should be directed to the Customer Service phone number on the back of the Identification number for additional information regarding prescription and OTC products that are covered.

Note: Laser Acupuncture treatment is a covered benefit for the following: HMO Illinois®, Blue Advantage HMOSM, Blue Precision HMOSM, Blue FocusCareSM and BlueCare DirectSM.