

HEALTH CARE PROVIDER GUIDE TO FREE OR REDUCED COST SMOKING CESSATION MEDICATION FOR MICHIGAN RESIDENTS

If your clients are having a hard time paying for medications that can help them quit smoking, there are programs that may be able to help.

Medicaid

Michigan ENROLLS is a free program that will help callers find out if they qualify for health care coverage through the Michigan Department of Community Health. There are many types of health care programs available to assist families, single adults, children, seniors and the disabled. Benefits vary based on income and other factors. Most Medicaid programs (except some ABW/County Health Plans) cover the nicotine patch and nicotine gum. For more information, call 1-888-367-6557 or see their web site at http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2943_4860---,00.html

Medicare

The Michigan Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program is a free program to help people understand Medicare/Medicaid eligibility, enrollment, coverage, claims and appeals. They can also help callers to enroll in Medicare savings programs and can help find resources for prescription drug assistance. For assistance call 1-800-803-7174 or see their web site at <http://www.mymmap.org>.

Michigan Tobacco Quitline

The Michigan Tobacco Quitline offers free one-on-one telephone sessions to those trying to quit smoking. Any Michigan resident without access to a quitline through their insurance company may use this line. Uninsured callers who pass a brief medical screening may be eligible for free nicotine patches. Call 1-800-480-7848 for more information.

Partnership for Prescription Assistance

This program will work with the caller and determine which pharmaceutical programs the caller is eligible for. Call 1-800-477-2669 or see their web site at www.pparx.org.

Connection to Care

This Pfizer program can help people obtain low cost or free Chantix, Nicotrol Inhaler and/or Nicotrol Nasal Spray. The caller will need to fill out a short application form and obtain their physician's signature before returning the form to Pfizer. Medications will be shipped to the physician's office for the patient to pick up. Call 1-866-776-3700 or see their web site at www.pfizerhelpfulanswers.com.

Bridges to Access

This is a program of GlaxoSmithKline and can help people obtain Zyban or Bupropion SR. Applicants will need to fill out a short form and get a signature from their health care provider. Applications must be submitted by a health care provider/advocate. Upon approval, free or discounted medications can be picked up at a local pharmacy. Call 1-866-728-4368 or go to www.bridgestoaccess.com for more information.

Together RX

This is a savings program available to people without prescription insurance. Call 1-800-444-4106 or see the web site at www.togetherrxaccess.com to see eligibility guidelines and to apply.

Your Area Agency on Aging

These organizations assist people aged 60 or older. They can provide information and assist Michigan residents in accessing services. To find your local office, call the Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan at 1-517-886-1305 or see their web site at <http://www.mi-seniors.org/>.