## **Varenicline**



**Included Products:** Chantix (varenicline)

Chantix is available on the formulary with a qty limit of #2/day x 12 weeks (one treatment course in 180 days). Second treatment courses within 6 months require authorization with the following criteria.

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All Diagnoses			
Quantity Exception Criteria		If yes	If no
1.	Is the request for ongoing treatment of Chantix®, following the initial 12-week treatment course (check claims history for previous Chantix® claims)?	Do not approve.	Continue to #2.
2.	Has the provider provided notes discussing smoking cessation and described a change from the previous quit attempt or additional services that will be provided during this treatment course?	Continue to #3.	Request additional information.
3.	Approve for 12 weeks.		