

The 2014 Affordable Care Act (ACA) Required Most Private Insurance to cover all Cessation Medications with No Co-Pay

Tobacco Cessation Treatment: What is covered?

Insurance Type	Covered Medications	Duration	Attempts/ year
Medicare Part D plans	Coverage varies by plan, but in general includes one or more prescription medications: Nicotine Inhaler/Nasal Spray, Bupropion ¹ , Varenicline. ² Medicare Advantage plans may opt to cover additional medications beyond what Medicare alone covers	90 days	2
Kansas Medicaid (KanCare)	All FDA approved ³ Combination Therapy ⁴	90-180 days	4
Kansas State Employee Health Plan	All FDA approved ³	90 days	2
Missouri Medicaid	All FDA approved ³	90-180 days	No limits
ACA Marketplace Plans	All FDA approved ³	90 days	2
Private/employer-based ⁵	All FDA approved ³	90 days	2
TriCare	All FDA approved ³ medications are no cost but prescriptions must be from a TriCare authorized provider AND must be obtained through home delivery or a military pharmacy	No limits	No limits

¹Bupropion is the generic for Zyban/Welbutrin

²Varenicline also known as Chantix

³FDA-approved includes nicotine patch, lozenge, gum, nasal spray, inhaler, varenicline, bupropion

⁴Will cover all combinations except two concurrent short acting nicotine replacement therapies (NRTs): lozenge, gum, nasal spray, inhaler

⁵Most (70%) private/employer based insurers are covered by ACA mandate