

Subject Tobacco and Nicotine Cessation

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Overview

This bill sets in statute requirements for MA and MinnesotaCare coverage for tobacco and nicotine cessation services, drugs used to treat tobacco and nicotine addiction and dependence, and drugs used to help individuals discontinue use of tobacco and nicotine products.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Competitive bidding.
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Amends § 256B.04, subd. 14. Allows the commissioner to use volume purchase through competitive bidding and negotiation to provide quitline services.

2	Tobacco and nicotine cessation.
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Amends § 256B.0625, by adding subd. 68. (a) States that MA covers tobacco and nicotine cessation services, drugs to treat tobacco and nicotine addiction or dependence, and drugs to help individuals discontinue use of tobacco and nicotine products. Provides that MA must cover these services and drugs consistent with evidence-based or evidence-informed best practices.

(b) Requires MA to cover in-person individual and group tobacco and nicotine cessation education and counseling, if provided by a health care provider within scope of practice. Provides a partial list of providers who may provide these services.

(c) Requires MA to cover nicotine cessation counseling services provided through a quitline. Allows quitline services to be provided through audio-only communication, and allows the commissioner to utilize volume purchasing for quitline services.

(d) Requires MA to cover all prescription and over-the-counter drugs approved by the Food and Drug Administration for cessation of tobacco and nicotine use or treatment of tobacco and nicotine dependence, that are part of a Medicaid rebate agreement.

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	(e) Allows services to be provided by telemedicine.
	(f) Prohibits the commissioner from: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) restricting or limiting the type, duration, or frequency of cessation services;2) prohibiting the simultaneous use of multiple cessation services;3) requiring counseling prior to or as a condition of receiving drugs;4) limiting drug dosage amounts or frequency, or imposing duration or quantity limits;5) prohibiting the simultaneous use of multiple drugs;6) requiring or authorizing step therapy; or7) requiring or using prior authorization or requiring a copayment or deductible.
3	Cost-sharing. Amends § 256B.0631, subd. 1. Prohibits MA co-payments for tobacco and nicotine cessation services.
4	Cost-sharing. Amends § 256L.03, subd. 5. Prohibits cost-sharing under MinnesotaCare for drugs used for tobacco and nicotine cessation.



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