Tobacco Cessation Counseling

Scope: This provider alert applies to all providers in all HealthChoices contracts.

Purpose: The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) is partnering with the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) to prevent and reduce tobacco use especially among those individuals with behavioral health conditions. Community Care supports these efforts and is issuing this provider alert to remind providers of the availability of tobacco cessation counseling services and the policies and procedures to be followed to provide and bill for these services.

Any individual or entity that is approved by the Department of Health as a tobacco cessation program may enroll in the Medicaid program as a tobacco cessation provider. In order to obtain DOH approval, the individual or entity must do the following:

1. Successfully complete the DOH online training, “Every Smoker, Every Time”. The online training may be accessed here.

2. Upon completion of the training, individuals/entities must submit an application to DOH to be listed in the registry. Applications may be accessed here.

3. Individuals and facilities interested in reimbursement from Community Care for tobacco cessation services are required to enroll with the Pennsylvania Medicaid program. Individuals and facilities should check the box on their DOH application as indicated below:
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HealthChoices Contracts:
Allegheny
Berks
Blair
Carbon/Monroe/Pike
Chester
Erie
Lycoming/Clinton
North Central
Northeast
York/Adams

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Medical Assistance Information:
If your program is approved, would you like to be referred to the Department of Human Services (DHS) for review and approval by Medical Assistance for reimbursement of tobacco cessation services?  
X   yes  □  No