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SUBJECT: Arkansas Medicaid Pharmacy Program updates and information

Coverage of Tobacco Cessation Products

Pursuant to Act 959 and effective for claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2020, coverage of tobacco cessation products either prescribed or initiated through statewide pharmacist protocol are available without prior authorization (PA) to eligible Medicaid beneficiaries.

Coverage and Limitations

- A. Reimbursement for tobacco cessation products is available for all prescription and over the counter (OTC) products, subject to FDA prescribing and dosing limitations.
- B. Additional prescription benefits are allowed per month for tobacco cessation products and will not count against the monthly prescription benefit limit.
- C. Tobacco cessation products are not subject to co-pay.
- D. OTC, as well as any prescription products are eligible for reimbursement. OTC products are not covered for long-term care residents.