South Carolina

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**Medicaid Coverage**

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All 7 medications and all three forms of counseling are covered. Enrollees are eligible for 2 90-day quit attempts per year.

For more information, please call the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services at 888-549-0820, or visit their website at https://www.scdhhs.gov/

Note: the Affordable Care Act requires all Medicaid programs cover all tobacco cessation medications beginning January 1, 2014. If a medication is marked here as not being covered, there is not yet evidence that Medicaid has complied with this requirement. Patients should call their Medicaid program and ask how to receive these medications.

**Health Insurance Marketplace Coverage**

All plans in the Health Insurance Marketplace are required to cover tobacco cessation treatment. Specific coverage varies by plan. Check with your insurance plan to find out what is covered.

**State Employee Health Plan Coverage**

The Employee Insurance Program covers:

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One quit attempt is covered per year. NRT gum, NRT patch, NRT lozenge, bupropion and varenicline are covered along with phone counseling. Members must enroll in the Quit for Life program to receive medications (http://www.freeclear.com/quit-for-life/).

For more information, please call the South Carolina Employee Insurance Program at 803-764-0678 or 888-260-9430, or
visit their website at [http://www.eip.sc.gov/](http://www.eip.sc.gov/)

### Private Insurance Coverage

This state does not require private health insurance plans to cover cessation treatments. Cessation coverage in private health insurance plans varies by employer and/or plan. Smokers with this type of health insurance should contact their insurance plan for information on cessation benefits.

### Quitline

Contact Information: 1-800-QUIT-NOW; [http://www.scdhec.gov/quitforkeeps](http://www.scdhec.gov/quitforkeeps)

Hours: 24 hours, Monday-Sunday

Eligibility to receive counseling: Single call (1 session) offered to all enrollees. Readiness to quit desirable, not required. All enrollees must consent to services and call backs. Youth age 13-up. Uninsured, Medicare, Medicaid get multi-call (5 sessions). Pregnant/postpartum get C-10 program (10 sessions) through post-delivery. For medication: registered participants who are uninsured, underinsured, or have Medicare receive free medication; pregnant/postpartum and under age 18 are not eligible for medication; Medicaid participants are referred to their provider for medication assistance.

Medications provided:

- Nicotine Gum
- Nicotine Lozenge
- Bupropion (Zyban)
- Nicotine Patch
- Nicotine Inhaler
- Varenicline (Chantix)
- Nicotine Nasal Spray

(Source: North American Quitline Consortium, [www.naquitline.org](http://www.naquitline.org))

### American Lung Association Resources

The American Lung Association of South Carolina provides smoking cessation services statewide. Options include Freedom From Smoking® Online, a program available 24/7 at [http://www.ffsonline.org](http://www.ffsonline.org) and the American Lung Association's Lung HelpLine (800-LUNG-USA). For further information, please call 803-779-5864 or visit us online at [http://www.alase.org](http://www.alase.org).

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