



Office of Pharmacy Service Prior Authorization Criteria

Chantix (varenicline)

Chantix will be prior authorized if the following criteria are met:

1. Member is currently enrolled in the smoking cessation program supported by Bureau for Medical Services.
2. Members currently taking selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRI), serotonin norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (SNRI) or other antidepressants, mood stabilizers or antipsychotics will have their therapy reviewed by the prescribers for compatibility with Chantix before beginning therapy.
3. Prior authorization will be issued for a maximum of thirty (30) days, with documentation of adherence (prescriptions must be filled within 37 days of each other) for continued authorization. Therapy will be authorized for a maximum of twelve (12) consecutive weeks per rolling calendar year.

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