



Division: Pharmacy Policy	Subject: Prior Authorization Criteria
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CHANTIX[®] (varenicline)

LENGTH OF AUTHORIZATION: 12 weeks

REVIEW CRITERIA:

For **FIRST 12 week** course of therapy: **(1 start pack + 2 cont. pack)**

1. Patient must be 18 years of age or older.
2. Patient must have no claims history within the past 730 days of Chantix.

For **SECOND 12 week** course of therapy immediately following 'FIRST 12 weeks':

1. Patient must be 18 years of age or older.
2. The **nicotine/cotinine lab test** (blood or urine only) must be submitted to verify that the patient is still abstinent from smoking.

DOSING AND ADMINISTRATION:

- Begin Chantix dosing one week before the date set by the patient to stop smoking. Alternatively, the patient can begin Chantix dosing and then quit smoking between days 8 and 35 of treatment.
- Starting week: 0.5 mg once daily on days 1-3 and 0.5 mg twice daily on days 4-7.
- Continuing weeks: 1 mg twice daily for a total of 12 weeks.
- Dosage form: 0.5 mg and 1 mg tablets