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To: MaineCare Providers
From: Jennifer Palow, Pharmacy Division Director
Date: 9/7/12
Re: Smoking Cessation Update

Notice of MaineCare Service Reduction

Smoking cessation

Starting September 1, 2012, smoking cessation products will no longer be covered by MaineCare except for pregnant women. Pregnant women will still be able to get smoking cessation products covered by MaineCare.

The Maine Tobacco Helpline may be able to help you. The helpline provides support services to help you quit smoking. If you qualify, they will talk about using a nicotine patch, lozenge, or gum as part of their Medication Program. You can call the Maine Tobacco Helpline at 1-800-207-1230.

Your Appeal Rights: If you feel that you were denied these products inappropriately and would like to appeal this decision, please contact:

MaineCare Hearings Coordinator
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These changes are required as part of the Department of Health and Human Services' Supplemental Budgets, which were signed by Governor LePage on February 23, 2012 and May 16, 2012. Public Law 2011, Chapter 477, Chapter 657, LD 1816, LD 1746 125th Maine State Legislature.

If you have questions, please contact Member Services at 1-800-977-6740. The TTY number is: 1-800-977-6741.

You can also find MaineCare rules at: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/rules/proposed.shtml>