

Smoking Cessation Counseling

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Authority: Public Law 110-417, Section 713

1.0 CPT¹ PROCEDURE CODES

96152, 96153, 99406, 99407

2.0 BACKGROUND

The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 (Public Law 110-417, Section 713) signed into effect on October 14, 2008, authorized provision of smoking cessation counseling under TRICARE.

3.0 POLICY

Coverage may be extended for smoking cessation counseling in accordance with [paragraph 4.0](#).

4.0 POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 Smoking cessation counseling is covered for all TRICARE beneficiaries who **are not eligible for Medicare** and reside in one of the 50 United States or the District of Columbia, **and only when the smoking cessation counseling is delivered in one of** the 50 United States or the District of Columbia.

4.2 There is no requirement for the beneficiary to be diagnosed with a smoking related illness **to receive smoking cessation counseling**.

4.3 Smoking cessation counseling **must** be rendered by a TRICARE-recognized and TRICARE-authorized provider **working within the scope of their licensure or certification** to be cost-shared. Please reference [32 CFR 199.6](#) for provider types recognized and eligible for authorization under TRICARE.

4.4 CPT¹ procedure codes **96152 (health and behavior intervention, each 15 minutes, face-to-face; individual), 96153 (health and behavior intervention, each 15 minutes, face-to-face; group), 99406 (smoking cessation counseling visit; intermediate, greater than three minutes up to 10 minutes), and 99407 (smoking cessation counseling visit; intensive, greater than 10 minutes) are the only procedures codes covered under this policy.**

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5.0 EXCLUSIONS

5.1 Smoking cessation counseling rendered by a provider type NOT recognized under TRICARE or by a provider that is not TRICARE-authorized.

5.2 Smoking cessation counseling rendered to a beneficiary who resides outside one of the 50 United States or the District of Columbia or smoking cessation counseling delivered outside one of the 50 United States or the District of Columbia.

5.3 TRICARE beneficiaries who are also Medicare eligible (dual-eligible beneficiaries) are excluded from coverage under this policy.

6.0 EFFECTIVE DATES

6.1 October 14, 2008.

6.2 Removal of quantitative limits on mental health care, October 3, 2016.

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