

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 **17** years of age or older.
2. Patient must have no claims history within the past **365** days of Chantix.

For **SECOND 12-week** course of therapy immediately following ‘FIRST 12 weeks’:

1. Patient must be **17** 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.
3. The patient must be participating in a non-pharmacologic smoking-cessation program (to address behavior modification).

DOSING AND ADMINISTRATION:

- Refer to product labeling at <https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/daf/>
- Available as: 0.5 mg tablets, 1 mg tablets, **starting month box, and continuing month box**