

SMOKING CESSATION COUNSELING CODES FOR INDIVIDUALS

Codes for smoking cessation counseling are available and may be accepted by insurers for reimbursement^{1-3*}

One-on-one counseling

CPT 99406 **Intermediate:** smoking and tobacco-use cessation counseling visit (more than 3 minutes, up to 10 minutes) for symptomatic patients¹⁻³

CPT 99407 **Intensive:** smoking and tobacco-use cessation counseling visit (more than 10 minutes) for symptomatic patients¹⁻³

ICD-9 305.1 **Nondependent tobacco-use disorder^{1,3}**

ICD-9 V15.82 **History of tobacco use³**

With the 2 new G codes (below), **Medicare** now covers tobacco cessation counseling for asymptomatic outpatient and hospitalized beneficiaries who³:

- Use tobacco, whether or not they have signs or symptoms of tobacco-related disease
- Are competent and alert during counseling
- Receive counseling from a Medicare-recognized practitioner

Medicare may waive the deductible and coinsurance/co-payment for counseling and billing with these codes.³

G0436 **Intermediate:** smoking and tobacco cessation counseling visit (more than 3 minutes, up to 10 minutes) for asymptomatic patients³

G0437 **Intensive:** smoking and tobacco cessation counseling visit (more than 10 minutes) for asymptomatic patients³

*Benefits are subject to specific plan policies. Payment is not guaranteed; before providing service, benefit eligibility and payer coding requirements should be verified.¹

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SMOKING CESSATION COUNSELING CODES FOR GROUPS

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Group counseling

CPT S9453 Smoking cessation classes, nonphysician provider, per session¹

CPT 99078 Physician educational services in a group setting¹

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