

**Interim Federal Health Program
Important Information for all Pharmacies and Medical Services Providers**

March 2017

This is to advise you that, effective February 10, 2017, the Interim Federal Health Program (IFHP) now covers Smoking Cessation products.

Smoking Cessation products coverage is based on the provincial/territorial public drug plan formularies and these benefits will be provided to eligible clients according to criteria or quantity restrictions applicable in the client's province or territory of residence. Certain exceptions related to counselling criteria may apply.

For more information, please consult the applicable formulary websites listed on the Prescription Drug Coverage benefit grid available online at <https://provider.medavie.bluecross.ca/>.

Reminder: A client's IFHP coverage can be cancelled without notice if their immigration status changes. Providers must continue to verify client eligibility and coverage of the requested services prior to the service being provided. Client eligibility can be verified online through the IFHP Secure Provider Website at <https://provider.medavie.bluecross.ca/> or by calling the Medavie Blue Cross Provider Inquiry Centre at 1-888-614-1880, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (in each Canadian time zone).

Should you or your members have any questions or require more information regarding the IFHP, please call our Provider Inquiry Centre at **1-888-614-1880** or e-mail CIC_Inquiry@medavie.bluecross.ca.

