

STATE OF LOUISIANA

AMOUNT, DURATION, AND SCOPE OF MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES PROVIDED  
LIMITATIONS ON THE AMOUNT, DURATION, AND SCOPE OF CERTAIN ITEMS OF PROVIDED  
MEDICAL AND REMEDICAL CARE AND SERVICES DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

**CITATION** **Tobacco Cessation Counseling Services**  
**42 CFR 440.130(c)**

The Medicaid program provides coverage for tobacco cessation counseling services to beneficiaries who use tobacco products or who are being treated for tobacco use.

**Scope of Services**

The State notes that tobacco cessation counseling services ~~are~~ must be recommended by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts.

Beneficiaries may receive up to four tobacco cessation counseling sessions per quit attempt, up to two quit attempts per calendar year, for a maximum of eight counseling sessions per calendar year.

These limits may be exceeded, if deemed medically necessary.

**Provider Qualifications**

The entity rendering tobacco cessation counseling services must be an enrolled Medicaid provider.

Health care professionals who may provide tobacco cessation counseling include physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, and physicians' assistants, as well as mental health providers who are licensed to practice independently. ~~such as psychologists, clinical social workers, professional counselors, and addiction counselors. Auxiliary personnel (e.g., registered nurses, respiratory therapists, community health workers, tobacco treatment specialists, health coaches, etc.) who have specific training in the provision of tobacco cessation counseling may provide counseling "incident to" the supervising physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician's assistant.~~ Other professional or paraprofessional healthcare practitioners must have completed training in the provision of tobacco cessation counseling and must provide services under the supervision of a licensed practitioner.