

**NYS Department of Health Office of
Health Insurance Programs
NYS Medicaid Supports Smoking Cessation Interventions**

NYS Medicaid Smoking Cessation Coverage (SCC) for Pregnancy Women Policy:

In support of the United States Department of Health and Human Services Clinical Practice Guidelines 2008 update “Treating Tobacco Use and Dependence”, NYS Medicaid now covers smoking cessation counseling for pregnant women.

When will SCC be effective?

- January 1, 2009- effective in physicians’ offices and hospital outpatient departments.
- January 1, 2009 Medicaid Managed Care and Family Health Plus.
- March 1, 2009- effective in free-standing diagnostic and treatment centers (D&TCs).

Who can provide SCC Services?

- SCC services are to be provided face-to-face by a physician, registered physician assistant, registered nurse practitioner, or licensed midwife during a medical visit. (No group sessions.)
- Coverage includes up to six counseling sessions within any 12 continuous month period.

Who can bill for SCC Services?

- Office based Physicians, Registered Nurse Practitioners, or Licensed Midwives
- Hospital Outpatient Departments (OPDs), Diagnostic & Treatment Centers (D&TCs) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)

Appropriate diagnosis and procedure codes for SCC...

- SCC claims are payable only when billed with a diagnosis of pregnancy; ICD-9 Diagnosis Codes: 630-677, V22, V23, and V28.
- SCC CPT procedure codes:
 - 99406- Smoking Cessation Counseling 3 to 10 minutes (\$10);
 - 99407- Smoking Cessation Counseling greater than 10 minutes (\$19).

Reimbursement for SCC must meet the following criteria...

- SCC is only available to Medicaid-eligible pregnant women who smoke.
- In an office setting, SCC is payable when billed with a diagnosis of pregnancy and the appropriate SCC CPT procedure code.
- In a clinic setting, SCC is payable via an Ambulatory Payment Group (APG), with a diagnosis of pregnancy, and E&M code, and the appropriate SCC CPT procedure code.
- Pregnant women are allowed up to 6 counseling sessions within a continuous 12 month period.
- No group sessions allowed.

Special Notes:

- Clinics will bill SCC utilizing the aforementioned CPT procedure codes, which will group to APG 451.
- FQHCs may bill for this service ONLY if they have elected to be reimbursed under APGs.

Questions regarding SCC for Pregnant Women?

- Contact the Division of Financial Planning and Policy staff at (518) 474-5187.