

NRT and Chantix Therapy Guidelines

To receive financial coverage for Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT), Chantix or other approved medications to assist a person in quitting smoking, the following guidelines must be followed. This financial assistance is provided through monies given to Somerset Hospital through the Pennsylvania Tobacco Grant Fund.

1 – All participants must obtain a prescription for the medication through their own physician. No prescriptions are given out through Somerset Hospital’s Community Connection Office.

2 – All participants are encouraged to pursue all avenues to have their own healthcare insurance pay for the medication.

3 – All participants must complete the “Request for Over the Counter Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) Assistance” form. Forms are available by clicking on the Request for Nicotine Replacement Therapy link at the bottom of the homepage or by contacting Somerset Hospital’s Community Connection Office at 814-443-5196. Forms are to be turned into the cessation class instructor on the first day of class along with the prescription for the medication.

4 – Prescriptions are filled at the Medicine Shoppe in Somerset, PA. Employees of Somerset Hospital may also use the hospital’s pharmacy. The Community Connection Office will forward the prescriptions to the appropriate pharmacy. All prescriptions must be picked up by the participant at the appropriate pharmacy.

5 – To qualify for this financial coverage, a participant must participate in an approved smoking cessation program. The following are approved programs:

- “Freedom From Smoking” classes offered through the Community Connection Office (must attend a minimum of 3 sessions)
- PA Quitline – a telephone course (requires making a call to the PA Quitline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW to receive online cessation counseling and quit help.)

6 – A 1 month supply of the medication will be covered if the above guidelines are met. It is possible to have additional partial coverage depending upon the availability of funding provided through the Tobacco Grant. Please check with Community Connection as to funding availability.

7. Follow-up phone calls will be made to provide support, additional assistance, and to gather information about success rates.