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TO: Iowa Medicaid Physicians, Dentists, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners, Therapeutically Certified Optometrists, Podiatrists, Pharmacies, Home Health Agencies, Rural Health Clinics, Clinics, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Intermediate Care Facilities, Nursing Facilities-Mental ILL, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), Indian Health Service, Maternal Health Centers, Certified Nurse Midwife, Community Mental Health, Family Planning, Residential Care Facilities, ICF/ID State and Community Based ICF/ID Providers, and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Quitline Iowa for Smoking Cessation

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2016

Iowa Medicaid continues to require referral for counseling prior to obtaining medications to assist with smoking cessation for all Medicaid members. Referral to the Quitline Iowa program is required for Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS) members.

For members enrolled with an MCO, providers should contact the member's specific MCO for counseling requirements. See additional information for each MCO at:

[Amerigroup Iowa, Inc.](#)¹

[AmeriHealth Caritas Iowa, Inc.](#)²

[UnitedHealthcare Plan of the River Valley, Inc.](#)³

Effective July 1, 2016, the Nicotine Replacement Therapy and Smoking Cessation Therapy-Oral prior authorization (PA) forms for Medicaid FFS members will be updated with a new fax number to submit referrals. The updated [PA forms](#)⁴ will be available on the website on July 1, 2016. Please replace any existing PA forms with the updated versions to ensure fax transmission to the correct location. Complete [prior authorization criteria](#)⁵ for smoking cessation agents is also available for review.

Providers may go to the [Iowa Medicaid Preferred Drug List \(PDL\) website](#)⁶ to view all PDL and PA information. If you have questions, please contact the Pharmacy Prior Authorization Helpdesk at 877-776-1567 or 515-256-4607 (local in Des Moines) or email info@iowamedicaidpdl.com.

¹ <https://providers.amerigroup.com/ia/Pages/ia.aspx>

² <http://amerihealthcaritasia.com/provider/index.aspx>

³ <http://www.uhccommunityplan.com/content/communityplan/homepage/health-professionals/ia.html>

⁴ http://www.iowamedicaidpdl.com/pa_forms

⁵ http://www.iowamedicaidpdl.com/pa_criteria

⁶ <http://www.iowamedicaidpdl.com/>