

Research indicates that no other clinical intervention can reduce illness, prevent death, or increase quality of life more effectively than tobacco cessation. SoonerCare reimburses providers who use the “5As” approach to tobacco cessation developed by the Agency for Healthcare Research and endorsed by the U.S. Public Health Service.

The 5As

- **Ask** the patient to describe their tobacco use.
- **Advise** the patient to quit.
- **Assess** the willingness of the patient to quit.
- **Assist** the patient with referrals and plans to quit.
- **Arrange** for follow up.

Who is covered?

Individuals age 12 and over

Who can perform the 5As?

- Physicians
- Physician Assistants
- Nurse Practitioners
- Nurse Midwives
- OSDH Nurse Practitioners & Registered Nurses
- FQHC Nurse Practitioners & Registered Nurses
- Dentists

A compensable service must include:

- A separate progress note with member-specific information addressing the 5As counseling
- Beginning and ending times for the service performed and signature with credentials of the direct service provider

Payments and Coding:

- The services are paid in addition to other appropriate services rendered on the same day
- Use code 99406 for a three - 10 minute counseling session
- Use code 99407 for a counseling session of more than 10 minutes
- Dental code is D1320
- No billing for less than three minutes
- SoonerCare members are eligible for a total of 8 sessions per year

Providers are encouraged to refer patients to the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline at:

1-800-QUIT-NOW or OKhelpline.com

If you have any questions, please call OHCA at:

1-800-522-0114

Did you know?

SoonerCare covers all 7 FDA approved tobacco cessation products with no co pay.

A SoonerCare member can receive these products when medically appropriate (prescription is necessary):

- Nicotine patches, gum, lozenges, inhalers & Zyban
 - No duration limit
- Chantix
 - 180 days per 12 months

If you have pharmacy related questions please call 1-800-522-0114 or e-mail your questions to:

Pharmacy@okhca.org