CHANTIX® (varenicline)

LENGTH OF AUTHORIZATION: 12 weeks

REVIEW CRITERIA:

For FIRST 12 week course of therapy: (1 start pack + 2 cont. pack)
   1. Patient must be 18 years of age or older.
   2. Patient must have no claims history within the past 730 days of Chantix.

For SECOND 12 week course of therapy immediately following ‘FIRST 12 weeks’:
   1. Patient must be 18 years of age or older.
   2. The nicotine/cotinine lab test (blood or urine only) must be submitted to verify that the patient is still abstinent from smoking.
   3. The patient must be participating in a non-pharmacologic smoking-cessation program (to address behavior modification).

DOSSING AND ADMINISTRATION:

• Begin Chantix dosing one week before the date set by the patient to stop smoking. Alternatively, the patient can begin Chantix dosing and then quit smoking between days 8 and 35 of treatment.
• Starting week: 0.5 mg once daily on days 1-3 and 0.5 mg twice daily on days 4-7.
• Continuing weeks: 1 mg twice daily for a total of 12 weeks.
• Dosage form: 0.5 mg and 1 mg tablets