

Billing for Nicotine Cessation

Many insurers reimburse for nicotine cessation counseling. These codes can be added on to an E/M visit (for Medicare, use modifier -25 to indicate it is a separate service performed on the same day). Typical Medicare reimbursement rates are \$15 for 99406 and \$28 for 99407.

99406	Nicotine counseling 3–10 minutes
99407	Nicotine counseling >10 minutes
Documentation	Time spent and brief details of discussion (eg, "assessed motivation to quit," "provided skills and resources to quit," "set quit date," "discussed impact of smoking," "management of cravings and triggers")

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