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The Newsletter for EmblemHealth, GHI and HIP Providers

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Review [your information](#) now to ensure you are correctly listed in our EmblemHealth directories. If any of your information has changed or is inaccurate, just follow our simple instructions to update your profile online. Can't update your information online? Fax your changes to our Provider Modifications team at **1-877-889-9061**.

CPT Codes for Tobacco Cessation Counseling

EmblemHealth partners with the New York State Smokers' Quitline to provide comprehensive tobacco cessation services to our members. When you identify patients ready to quit smoking, you can refer them to the Quitline at **1-866-NY-QUITS** (1-866-697-8487).



US Public Health Service clinical practice guidelines recommend that practitioners cover the Five A's during all patient visits. We encourage you to incorporate them into your practice:

- **Ask** all of your patients if they smoke.
- **Advise** every smoker to quit smoking.
- **Assess** their readiness to quit.
- **Assist** with a plan for quitting.
- **Arrange** for follow-up.

Studies show that a follow-up visit or phone call within one week of the patient's quit date can double the effectiveness of any intervention. We provide reimbursement for tobacco cessation counseling based on current Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines. Please use the following CPT codes for these office visits:

- **99406:** Smoking and tobacco-use cessation counseling visit, intermediate, greater than three minutes up to 10 minutes.
- **99407:** Smoking and tobacco-use cessation counseling visit, intensive, greater than 10 minutes.