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<b>Type of product:</b> Nicotine patch, gum, lozenge <b>Aid:</b> 10 week supply of vouchers redeemable at Giant Eagle Pharmacies	Allegheny
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<b>Type of product:</b> N/A <b>Aid:</b> N/A	Beaver
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<b>Type of product:</b> All FDA-approved products <b>Aid:</b> Provide one-month supply per person	Cambria
<b>Type of product:</b> Nicotine Patch <b>Aid:</b> One \$25.00 voucher to be redeemed at Apothecare Pharmacy. Cap on vouchers TBD on case-by-case basis.	Fayette
<b>Type of product:</b> Nicotine patch <b>Aid:</b> Provide one eight-week supply per person	Greene
<b>Type of product:</b> All FDA-approved products <b>Aid:</b> Capped at two vouchers per person, \$100 total. Vouchers to be used at specified local pharmacies	Indiana
<b>Type of product:</b> All FDA-approved products <b>Aid:</b> Product provided up to a cap of \$120 per person	Somerset
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### Federal/State Tobacco Quit Product Financial Aid

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**Type of Product:** A wide variety of FDA-approved nicotine replacement therapies and smoking cessation medications are available in the VHA formulary.

**Contact:** <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/smoking/>  
VA health care facility at 1-877-222-8387

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**Type of product:** Only prescription drugs. However, Part D plans may include Over-The-Counter (OTC) drugs in step therapy protocols as part of their cost effective drug utilization management program. However, OTC drugs included in these protocols are considered administrative costs, not Part D drugs. Step therapy is where a plan says that you have try a generic drug before it will pay for a brand drug or that you have to try certain drugs in a class before it will pay for a particular drug.

**Contact:** PA Department of Aging at 1-800-783-7067

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**Type of product:** All FDA approved products, legend and non-legend, including over-the-counter.

**Contact:** Number on the back of your insurance card.



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