

FREMONT COUNTY WYOMING QUIT TOBACCO PROGRAM



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Dear Fremont County Health Care Provider:

The Wyoming Quit Tobacco Program and Wyoming QuitLine transitioned to a new, "one-stop" system on July 1, 2006.

When referring a client please have them call 1-800-WYO-QUIT. *(The previous phone numbers still work and will be routed to this new system.)*

Unlike the previous program guidelines, clients now participate in either **FREE** telephone-based counseling session provided through the American Cancer Society managed QuitLine or QuitNet counseling services. **To enroll in either**, clients call 1-800-QUIT-NOW and complete a brief intake. **ALL** clients interested in free or reduced cost medications through the voucher program will complete a medical screening during their enrollment process. If the client does not pass this screening, they will be sent a Physician Authorization form via mail, fax or email. The form will need to be completed by the client's physician and faxed directly to The American Cancer Society from the physician's office. This information will be on the authorization form. Once received, ACS will contact the client back to complete the intake process. All clients are eligible for the free telephone counseling whether or not they use medication. This has been proven in clinical trials to double a person's chances of quitting for good.

The Wyoming Quit Tobacco Program voucher program can be used for the nicotine patch, nicotine gum, or nicotine lozenge. Additionally, with a prescription from their physician; Zyban/bupropion is also an option. Chantix will be added to the program in the near future, but is not currently included in this program.

Governor Freudenthal's office supported the expansion of this program which has resulted in nearly half of all enrollees reporting they are still quit for six months or more. The Wyoming State Legislature provided significant funding for the continuation of this important program.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the program please feel free to contact me. Additional prevention and cessation information is always available at my office.

Sincerely,

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