

# NRT and Champix Fact sheet for people working with Aboriginal clients



## The Pharmaceutical Benefit Scheme

To assist people to give up smoking there are a few products that have been listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefit Scheme (PBS). All the items listed on the PBS must be prescribed by a doctor.

## What is listed on the PBS?

The items listed on the PBS are with up to **24 weeks supply**

- Nicotinell 21mg 24hr patch (STEP 1)
- Nicabate 21mg 24hr patch
- Nicorette 15mg 16hr patch
- Champix (varenicline)
- Zyban (bupropion)

The items listed on the PBS are with up to **12 weeks supply**

- Nicotinell 7mg 24hr patch (STEP 3)
- Nicotinell 14mg 24hr patch (STEP 2)

## How much do the patches and Champix cost to the client?

Under the Closing The Gap scheme Aboriginal clients who are registered for Co Pay can receive discounted PBS listed medications.

REGISTERED = **Concession card - Free**  
**Non-concession - \$5.80**

NOT REGISTERED = **Concession card - \$5.80**  
**Non-concession - \$35.40**

## What is NRT?



## For further information

### Website:

<http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/pbs/prescriber/closing-the-gap.jsp>

[http://www.pbs.gov.au/info/publication/factsheets/shared/Extension\\_of\\_the\\_listing\\_of\\_nicotine\\_patches](http://www.pbs.gov.au/info/publication/factsheets/shared/Extension_of_the_listing_of_nicotine_patches)

<http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/public/services/scripts/pbs.jsp#N10045>

[http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ctg/publishing.nsf/Content/subsidising-pbs-medicine-co-payments/\\$file/DHA6136%20B1%20Factsheet.pdf](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ctg/publishing.nsf/Content/subsidising-pbs-medicine-co-payments/$file/DHA6136%20B1%20Factsheet.pdf)

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