Standing Order for Dispensing Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) Products

This Standing Order is issued pursuant to the September 24, 2019 Order of the Commissioner of Public Health, pursuant to Governor Baker's September 24, 2019 Declaration of a Public Health Emergency due to severe lung disease associated with the use of e-cigarettes and vaping products and the epidemic of e-cigarette use among youths. The Commissioner's Order expands access to federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved, over-the-counter (OTC) nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) products, including gum, lozenges and patches, through a statewide Standing Order that facilitates insurance coverage for these products. The pharmacy must make a reasonable effort to determine if the purchaser's insurance covers the selected NRT product.

This Standing Order authorizes licensed pharmacists to dispense medically appropriate NRT products to a person 18 years or older with proper identification who requires the products in connection with smoking cessation or vaping cessation. The Standing Order applies to FDA-approved, OTC NRT products including gum, lozenges and patches. Pharmacists are authorized to create a prescription with this Standing Order using the manufacturer's FDA approved dosing instructions.

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