

This is Quitting: Helping teens and young adults quit vaping

You play an influential role in helping young patients overcome nicotine addiction early, and we can help you make an even bigger impact.

During tobacco-use assessments with young patients, inform those who are Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus (Empire) members that they have access to a free vaping cessation program.

Empire is working with *This is Quitting* by Truth Initiative®. *This is Quitting* is a free and confidential text-message based program specifically designed to help teens and young adults (ages 13 to 24) quit vaping. This program is an excellent resource helping patients quit for good and see a future without nicotine.

Have your patients text **VAPEOUTNY** to **88709** to sign up. Once they text back their age, they will start receiving messages.

The program is:

- Free to each user.
- Completely anonymous – no data about any one user is shared.
- Entirely automated and text-message based.
- Peer-to-peer:
 - Many messages are skills or coping tools shared from other *This is Quitting* users to help a participant know they're not alone.
- Interactive and inquisitive to get to know the user better.
- Supportive, like texting with a friend who is helping them quit.
- Tailored based on age and device used.

Young people tend to prefer discretion when it comes to quitting vaping or letting others know they have been vaping at all. If possible, try to have these discussions in private, away from a parent.



Email is the quickest and most direct way to receive important information from Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus.



To start receiving email from us (including some sent in lieu of fax or mail), submit your information using the QR code to the right or via our online form (<https://bit.ly/3zqQdYB>).

* Truth Initiative is an independent company providing vaping cessation programs to members on behalf Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus.