Over a quarter of adult Medicaid beneficiaries reported tobacco use, and nearly three in four (74%) tobacco users reported being advised by their doctor or another health provider to quit.

The proportion of adult Medicaid tobacco users who reported they were advised by their doctor or health provider to quit varies by state, ranging from a low of 64% in Arizona to a high of 81% in Rhode Island.

Less than half reported their doctor or health provider recommended the use of cessation medications (e.g., nicotine gum, patch, nasal spray, inhaler, or prescription medication).

Less than half reported their doctor or health provider recommended the use of cessation strategies other than medications (e.g., a quitline) that could help them quit.

*About the Nationwide Adult Medicaid Survey: The 2014-2015 Nationwide Adult Medicaid (NAM) Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) survey, conducted by the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services sampled adult beneficiaries who were not residing in an institutional setting and were continuously enrolled in Medicaid from October 2013 through December 2013, prior to the state Medicaid expansions that occurred on or after Jan 1, 2014. Forty six states and the District of Columbia participated in the 2014-2015 NAM CAHPS survey. Data collection occurred from December 2014 through July 2015. The overall response rate was 23.6%, with 272,679 beneficiaries completing the survey. Learn more about the NAM CAHPS at https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/performance-measurement/adult-cahps/index.html. This document was prepared and paid for by the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.