

# This report card brought you by MTCP. The odds of quitting are significantly higher when health care professionals provide their patients brief advice to quit.

The Manhattan Tobacco Cessation Program (MTCP) is one of 19 cessation centers in New York State funded by the New York State Department of Health Tobacco Control Program and is housed at the College of Dentistry at New York University. The MTCP seeks to partner with healthcare institutions based in Manhattan to assist them with the implementation of tobacco screening and treatment services.



## American Lung Association's State of Tobacco Control Report Card for New York\*

### Cessation: **Grade F**

#### Overview of State Cessation Coverage

##### State Medicaid Program:

- Medications: Covers NRT Patch, NRT Gum, NRT Nasal Spray, NRT Inhaler, Varenicline (Chantix) and Bupropion (Zyban)
- Counseling: Covers individual counseling for pregnant, post partum women and children ages 10-21 only
- **Barriers to Coverage:** All plans have limits on duration and an annual limit on quit attempts; some plans require co-payments

##### State Employee Health Plan(s):

- Medications: Coverage of all 7 recommended cessation medications varies by health plan
- Counseling: Coverage for individual, group, phone and online counseling varies by health plan
- **Barriers to Coverage:** Barriers to coverage vary by health plan

##### State Quitline:

- Investment Per Smoker: \$3.32; CDC recommends an investment of \$10.53/smoke
- Private Insurance Mandate: No provision

### Smokefree Air: **Grade: A**

#### Smoking is prohibited in:

- Government Workplaces
- Private Workplaces
- Schools
- Childcare Facilities
- Restaurants
- Bars
- Casinos/Gaming Establishments
- Retail Stores
- Recreational/Cultural Facilities

**Penalties:** Yes  
**Enforcement:** Yes  
**Preemption:** No

### New York State Facts

Economic Costs Due to Smoking:	\$14,164,397,000
Adult Smoking Rate:	18.0%
High School Smoking Rate:	14.8%
Middle School Smoking Rate:	3.8%
Smoking Attributable Deaths:	25,432
Smoking Attributable Lung Cancer Deaths:	7,602
Smoking Attributable Respiratory Disease Deaths:	5,984

Adult smoking rate is taken from CDC's Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2009 Prevalence Data. High school smoking rate is taken from the 2009 Youth Risk Behavioral Surveillance System. Middle school smoking rate is taken from the 2008 New York State Youth Tobacco Survey.

Health impact information is taken from the Smoking Attributable Mortality, Morbidity and Economic Costs (SAMMEC) software. Smoking attributable deaths reflect average annual estimates for the period 2000-2004 and are calculated for persons aged 35 years and older. They do not take into account deaths from burns or secondhand smoke. Respiratory diseases include pneumonia, influenza, bronchitis, emphysema and chronic airway obstruction. The estimated economic impact of smoking is based on smoking-attributable health care expenditures in 2004 and the average annual productivity losses for the period 2000-2004.

### Tobacco Prevention Control and Spending **Grade: F**

- FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs: \$58,415,000
- FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: \$10,718,770\*
- FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: \$69,133,770
- CDC Best Practices State Spending Recommendation: \$254,300,000
- Percentage of CDC Recommended Level: **27.2%**

### Cigarette Tax: **Grade: A**

Tax rate per pack of 20: \$4.35\*

\*On July 1, 2010, the cigarette tax increased from \$2.75 to \$4.35 per pack



Thumbs up for New York for increasing the state cigarette tax by \$1.60 to \$4.35 per pack, now the highest in the country.

\* <http://www.stateoftobaccocontrol.org/state-grades/new-york/state-summary.html>