

# Pharmacists Prescribing Tobacco Cessation Products



**18.5%**

Of adults smoke cigarettes in North Carolina

**14,200**

Adults in North Carolina die from smoking related illness each year

**\$3.81B**

Annual health care costs in North Carolina directly related to smoking

## More than two-thirds

Of adult cigarette smokers who tried to quit during the past year did not use evidence-based treatment

## 91% of Americans

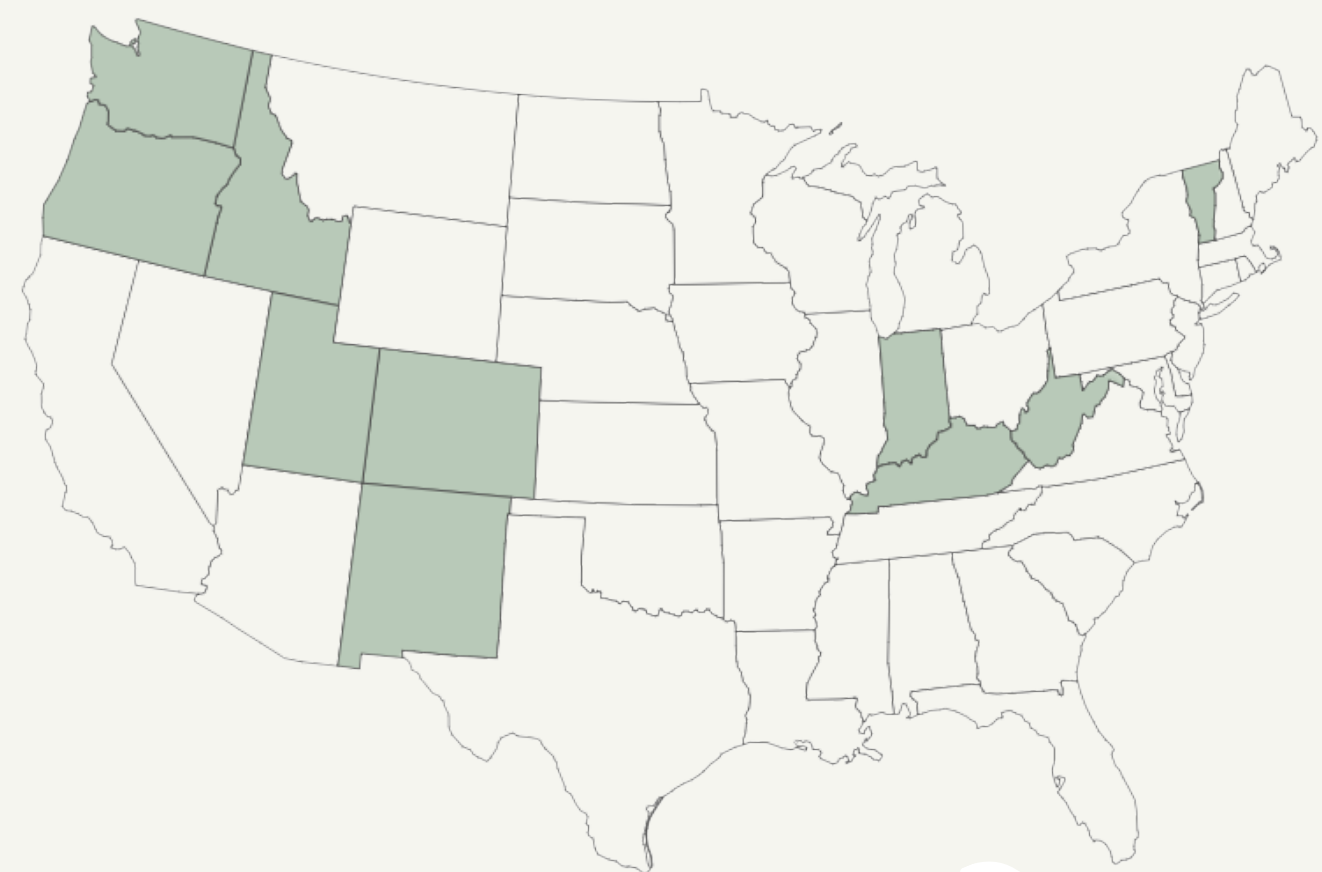
Live within 5 miles of a community pharmacy – pharmacists are accessible!

## Pharmacists in New Mexico

Have been safely prescribing all FDA-approved tobacco cessation products since 2004

## A study including >14,000 participants

Showed pharmacist-provided smoking cessation interventions have quit rates on par with other health care professionals



## Ten US states

Allow pharmacists to prescribe all FDA-approved tobacco cessation products – including bupropion and varenicline

## Seven US states

Allow pharmacists to prescribe NRT only however the combination of bupropion or varenicline with NRT is more effective than monotherapy with any of these medications