## CALIFORNIA JUST QUIT FLAVORED TOBACCO.

A new California law makes it illegal to sell most flavored tobacco, including vapes and menthol cigarettes, protecting our kids from a lifetime of deadly addiction.

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## How Health Professionals Can Support Patients to Quit Flavored Tobacco Products

Now is a great time to offer counseling and medication assistance for patients who have been using flavored tobacco products. California no longer allows the retail sale of most flavored tobacco products.

## **Quick Facts:**

- African Americans who smoke have high menthol use rates and much higher rates of cancer, heart disease, stroke, and death.<sup>1</sup>
- Most teens and young adults who vape use a flavored tobacco product.<sup>2</sup>
- Flavors like menthol can make it easier to start and harder to quit.<sup>3</sup>

## How you can help your patients (sample script):

- **ASK A TOBACCO USER**: "Have you used any tobacco products, including chew or vapes?" If yes, "Do you use any flavored tobacco products, like menthol cigarettes or flavored chew/vapes?
- ADVISE TO QUIT: "This could be a good time to think about quitting for your health."
- **ASSIST/REFER:** "<u>Kick It California</u> (KIC) can help you with a free plan to quit smoking, chewing, or vaping. They can also tell you more about medications to help you quit."

The American Academy of Pediatrics has guidance on prescribing <u>cessation medication</u> for teens and <u>sample counseling scripts.</u> Teens 13+
years do not need parental consent to call or text KIC for services.

<sup>1</sup> African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council

<sup>2</sup> CDPH (2021) California Tobacco Facts and Figures.

<sup>3</sup> CDC (2023) Menthol Smoking and Related Health Disparities.

Refer your patients to get a call from Kick It California at kickitca.org/patient-referral



