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Free Nicotine Patches and Gum Available October 1, 2004

Starting October 1st of this year, the Michigan Department of Community Health will be distributing, free of charge, the nicotine replacement patch and gum for those who do not have insurance. These patches will be distributed through the Michigan Quitline, at 1-800-480-QUIT (7848). All callers will need to go through a screening process in order to make sure that the gum and patches do not end up in the hands of pregnant women, children and others for whom they have not been approved.

Looking to quit now?

The Michigan Department of Community Health currently offers:

- ? A free Michigan Quit line: 1-800-480-QUIT (7848). These trained coaches know how hard it is to quit and they are there to help you for free.
- ? Free Michigan Department of Community Health Quit Kits. This is a self help kit that even includes a coupon for a \$5.00 discount on nicotine gums and patches. You can get these kits by calling 1-800-537-5666.

For more information please call the Michigan Department of Community Health at 1-800-480-QUIT (7848)