

Hot Tip: Proton Pump Inhibitors

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Your Wellpoint DC enrollees may experience a pharmacy claim rejection when prescribed nonpreferred products. To avoid additional steps or delays at the pharmacy, consider prescribing preferred products whenever possible. Utilization management edits may apply to select preferred products. Coverage should be verified by reviewing the *Preferred Drug List (PDL)* on the Wellpoint DC provider website. The *PDL* is subject to change quarterly.

Adult Hot Tip		
Therapeutic class	Nonpreferred products	Preferred products ²
Proton pump inhibitors	Zegerid ¹	OTC Zegerid 20mg capsule
Proton pump inhibitors	Aciphex	OTC Nexium 24hr 20mg capsule OTC Nexium 24hr 20mg tablet
	Dexilant	
	Pantoprazole <i>Brand name: Protonix</i>	OTC Esomeprazole DR 20mg capsule <i>Brand name: OTC Nexium</i>
	Esomeprazole ¹ <i>Brand name: Nexium</i>	OTC Omeprazole Magnesium 20.6mg capsule OTC Omeprazole 20mg tablet <i>Brand name: OTC Prilosec</i>
	Omeprazole ¹ <i>Brand name: Prilosec</i>	
	Omeprazole/Sodium Bicarbonate <i>Brand name: Omeppi</i>	OTC Prilosec 20mg tablet OTC Prilosec 20.6mg tablet
	Lansoprazole ¹ <i>Brand name: Prevacid</i>	OTC Lansoprazole 15mg capsule <i>Brand name: OTC Prevacid</i>
	Rabeprazole	OTC Prevacid 24-hour 15mg capsule
¹ Prescription strength. ² OTC products are available with a prescription. ² Quantity limit for Proton Pump Inhibitors = 2 doses/day for OTC Esomeprazole, OTC Omeprazole, OTC Lansoprazole, OTC Prevacid 24 hours, OTC Nexium 24 hours and 1 dose/day for all other PPIs.		

Pediatric Hot Tip		
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Proton pump inhibitors	Aciphex Dexilant Pantoprazole <i>Brand name: Protonix</i> Esomeprazole ¹ <i>Brand name: Nexium</i> Omeprazole ¹ <i>Brand name: Prilosec</i> Omeprazole/Sodium Bicarbonate <i>Brand name: Omeppi</i> Lansoprazole ¹ <i>Brand name: Prevacid</i> Rabeprazole First Omeprazole Compounding Kit ³	OTC Nexium 24hr 20mg capsule OTC Nexium 24hr 20mg tablet OTC Esomeprazole DR 20mg capsule <i>Brand name: OTC Nexium</i> OTC Omeprazole Magnesium 20.6mg capsule OTC Omeprazole 20mg tablet <i>Brand name: OTC Prilosec</i> Prescription Strength Omeprazole 20mg capsule ³ OTC Prilosec 20mg tablet OTC Prilosec 20.6mg tablet OTC Lansoprazole 15mg capsule <i>Brand name: OTC Prevacid</i> OTC Prevacid 24-hour 15mg capsule
¹ Prescription strength. ² OTC products are available with a prescription. Quantity limit for Proton Pump Inhibitors = 2 doses/day for OTC Esomeprazole, OTC Omeprazole, OTC Lansoprazole, OTC Prevacid 24 hours, OTC Nexium 24 hours and 1 dose/day for all other PPIs. Individuals less than one (1) year of age are not subject to step therapy. ³ Prescription strength Omeprazole 20mg capsule approved for children less than 6 years old only. This is the preferred product for compounding or difficulty swallowing.		

If you have questions regarding this *Hot Tip*, call Provider Services at **833-359-1386 (TTY 711)**.

The *PDL* is available at provider.wellpoint.com/dc.