

Amerigroup Community Care Hot Tip: Proton Pump Inhibitors (Pediatric)

Your Amerigroup patients on nonpreferred products will experience a pharmacy claim rejection. To avoid additional steps or delays at the pharmacy, please consider prescribing preferred products whenever possible.

Therapeutic class	Nonpreferred products	Preferred products ¹
Proton Pump Inhibitors	Zegerid ²	OTC Zegerid 20mg capsule
Proton Pump Inhibitors	Aciphex	OTC Nexium 24hr 20mg capsule ³ OTC Nexium 24hr 20mg tablet
	Dexilant	OTC Esomeprazole DR 20mg capsule <i>Brand name: OTC Nexium</i>
	Pantoprazole <i>Brand name: Protonix</i>	OTC Omeprazole Magnesium 20.6mg capsule OTC Omeprazole 20mg tablet <i>Brand name: OTC Prilosec</i>
	Esomeprazole ² <i>Brand name: Nexium</i>	Prescription Strength Omeprazole 20mg capsule ⁴
	Omeprazole ² <i>Brand name: Prilosec</i>	OTC Prilosec 20mg tablet ³ OTC Prilosec 20.6mg tablet ³
	Omeprazole/Sodium Bicarbonate <i>Brand name: Omeppi</i>	OTC Lansoprazole 15mg capsule <i>Brand name: OTC Prevacid</i>
	Lansoprazole ² <i>Brand name: Prevacid</i>	OTC Prevacid 24 hour 15mg capsule
	Rabeprazole	

1 OTC products will still require a prescription for claim processing.

1 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

1 Individuals less than one (1) year of age are NOT subject to step therapy of 2 preferred products.

2 Prescription version and strength

3 Effective 10/1/2018, Brand OTC Prilosec 20mg tablet, Brand OTC Prilosec 20.6mg tablet, and Brand OTC Nexium 24hr 20mg capsule are preferred products.

4 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*, please call Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730.

Preferred Drug List: <https://providers.amerigroup.com/pages/nj-2012.aspx>