

## Wellpoint Hot Tip: Proton Pump Inhibitors (Pediatric)

Your Wellpoint 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 <sup>1</sup>
Proton Pump Inhibitors	Zegerid <sup>2</sup>	OTC Zegerid 20mg capsule
Proton Pump Inhibitors	Aciphex Dexilant Pantoprazole <i>Brand name: Protonix</i> Esomeprazole <sup>2</sup> <i>Brand name: Nexium</i> Omeprazole <sup>2</sup> <i>Brand name: Prilosec</i> Omeprazole/Sodium Bicarbonate <i>Brand name: Omeppi</i> Lansoprazole <sup>2</sup> <i>Brand name: Prevacid</i> Rabeprazole	OTC Nexium 24hr 20mg capsule <sup>3</sup> 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 <sup>4</sup>  OTC Prilosec 20mg tablet <sup>3</sup> OTC Prilosec 20.6mg tablet <sup>3</sup>  OTC Lansoprazole 15mg capsule <i>Brand name: OTC Prevacid</i>  OTC Prevacid 24 hour 15mg capsule

- OTC products will still require a prescription for claim processing. 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 of 2 preferred products.
- Prescription version and strength
- 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.
- 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 **833-731-2149**.

Preferred Drug List: <https://provider.wellpoint.com/pages/nj-2012.aspx>