



# Consider generic omeprazole first



- All proton-pump inhibitors are well-tolerated with a consistent side-effect profile.<sup>1</sup>
- Equipotent doses of PPIs are equally effective.<sup>1</sup>
- Dexilant™, the newest PPI, did not show additional clinical benefit at FDA-approved doses over lansoprazole 30 mg daily.<sup>2</sup>

Drug Name <sup>3</sup>	Formulary Status <sup>4</sup>	Step Therapy <sup>5</sup>	Typical Copayment <sup>6</sup>	Monthly Cost <sup>7</sup>
Omeprazole 20 mg (Prilosec®, Prilosec OTC®)	Preferred (Tier 1)	Not required	\$10	\$15-35
Omeprazole 40 mg (Prilosec®)	Preferred (Tier 1)	Required	\$10	\$60 – 80
Pantoprazole (Protonix®)	Preferred (Tier 1)	Required	\$10	\$95-115
Lansoprazole (Prevacid®)	Preferred (Tier 1)	Required	\$10	\$95-115
Aciphex®, Dexilant™, Nexium®	Nonformulary (Tier 3)	Required	\$60	\$95-185

Please note: Some drug benefits do not include coverage for proton pump inhibitors.

Remind members that PPIs work best when taken 30 minutes before breakfast.

<sup>1</sup>Moayyedi P, Santana J, Khan M, et al. Medical treatments in the short term management of reflux oesophagitis. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2007, Issue 2. Art. No.: CD003244. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD003244.pub2.

<sup>2</sup>Prescribing Information for Dexilant [Kapidex]. Takeda Pharmaceuticals America, Inc. Deerfield, IL 60016. January 2009.

<sup>3</sup>Prilosec suspension, Protonix suspension, and Zegerid are nonformulary. Prevacid Solutab is a Formulary Option. OTC Prevacid and Zegerid products are not covered.

<sup>4</sup>Coverage may not apply to Medicare Part D plans. Nonformulary drugs may not be covered depending on the member's drug rider.

<sup>5</sup>Step therapy with a high daily dose of formulary agents for Dexilant and Nexium is required for all BCN members and may be required for some BCBSM members. Step therapy for Protonix is only required for BCN members.

<sup>6</sup>Based on the most common triple-tier plan design.

<sup>7</sup>Based on discounted AWP or MAC for a 34-day supply.

