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Hot Tip: Proton Pump Inhibitors

Your Healthy Blue patients on non-preferred medication products may experience a pharmacy claim rejection. To avoid additional steps or delays at the pharmacy, please consider prescribing preferred products whenever possible. *Clinical Criteria* may need to be met for certain preferred products. Coverage should be verified by reviewing the *Preferred Drug List* on the Healthy Blue website (<https://provider.healthybluenc.com>). The *Preferred Drug List* is subject to change monthly.

Therapeutic class	Preferred products	Non-preferred products^{1, 2}
Proton Pump Inhibitors	Nexium packet	Esomeprazole magnesium packet <i>Generic for Nexium packet</i>
	Esomeprazole magnesium capsule <i>Generic for Nexium Rx</i>	Nexium capsule
	Lansoprazole capsule <i>Generic for Prevacid</i>	Esomeprazole magnesium capsule OTC ⁴ <i>Generic for Nexium OTC</i>
	Omeprazole capsule <i>Generic for Prilosec</i>	Prevacid capsule/solutab
	Pantoprazole tablet <i>Generic for Protonix</i>	OTC Prevacid capsule ³ OTC Lansoprazole capsule ³ <i>Generic for Prevacid OTC</i>
	Protonix suspension	Lansoprazole ODT <i>Generic for Prevacid SoluTab</i> OTC Omeprazole capsule/tablet <i>Generic for Prilosec OTC</i> Prilosec suspension Omeprazole/Sodium Bicarbonate capsule <i>Generic for prescription strength and OTC Zegerid</i> <i>Zegerid capsule/packet</i> Protonix tablet

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		Pantoprazole suspension <i>Generic for Protonix</i> Aciphex sprinkle capsule/tablet ³ Rabeprazole tablet ³ <i>Generic for Aciphex</i> Dexilant capsule ³ Dexlansoprazole capsule ³ <i>Generic for Dexilant</i>

Footnotes:

- ¹ Trial and failure of two preferred drugs are required to receive a non-preferred drug.
- ² Children under 12 years of age are exempt from the trial and failure of preferred products.
- ³ Both brand and generic formulations are non-preferred.
- ⁴ As of October 1, 2022, Esomeprazole magnesium capsule OTC is now non-preferred.

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