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## ***Hot Tip: Proton Pump Inhibitors***

Your Healthy Blue patients on non-preferred products may experience a pharmacy claim rejection if certain requirements are not met. Please consider prescribing preferred products whenever possible. This will help avoid additional steps or delays at the pharmacy. *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 provider website: [provider.healthybluenc.com](https://provider.healthybluenc.com). The *Preferred Drug List* is subject to change biannually and at the Department's discretion.

Non-preferred proton pump inhibitor products require trial and failure of two preferred drugs to be approved. Children under 12 years of age are exempt from the trial and failure of preferred products.

| Preferred products   | Non-preferred products  |
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| Dexilant capsule   | Dexlansoprazole capsule<br><i>Generic for Dexilant</i>  |
| Esomeprazole magnesium capsule<br><i>Generic for Nexium Rx</i>     | Esomeprazole magnesium packet<br><i>Generic for Nexium packet</i>   |
| Esomeprazole magnesium tablet OTC<br><i>Generic for Nexium OTC</i> | Nexium capsule  |
| Lansoprazole capsule<br><i>Generic for Prevacid</i>                | Esomeprazole magnesium capsule OTC<br><i>Generic for Nexium OTC</i>   |
| Nexium packet  | Prevacid capsule/solutab<br>Prevacid capsule OTC<br>Lansoprazole capsule OTC<br><i>Generic for Prevacid OTC</i> |
| Omeprazole capsule<br><i>Generic for Prilosec</i>                  | Lansoprazole ODT<br><i>Generic for Prevacid SoluTab</i>   |
| Pantoprazole tablet<br><i>Generic for Protonix</i>                 | Omeprazole capsule/tablet OTC<br><i>Generic for Prilosec OTC</i>  |
| Protonix suspension  | Omeprazole ODT OTC<br>Prilosec suspension   |

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| Preferred products | Non-preferred products   |
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|                    | Zegerid capsule/packet<br>Omeprazole/Sodium Bicarbonate capsule/packet<br><i>Generic for Zegerid</i><br>Konvomep suspension<br><br>Protonix tablet<br><br>Pantoprazole suspension<br><i>Generic for Protonix</i><br><br>Aciphex tablet<br>Rabeprazole tablet<br><i>Generic for Aciphex</i> |

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