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Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus (Empire) Hot Tip: Proton Pump Inhibitors (Pediatric)

Your Empire 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
	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 are available with a prescription.

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 year of age are NOT subject to step therapy.

2 Prescription strength

3 Effective October 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 **1-800-450-8753**.

Preferred Drug List:

<https://medproviders.empireblue.com/ny/pages/formularies.aspx>

www.empireblue.com/nymedicaidoc

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