

Commercial Proton Pump Inhibitor (PPI) Enhanced Prior Authorization/Step Therapy Rule Updated for 2013

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Summary

As part of our formulary updates for January 1, 2013, we are adding DEXILANT to the second step of our Enhanced Prior Authorization (EPA) rule for the Proton Pump Inhibitor (PPI) class of medications for our commercial line of business. As a result, all members must now try DEXILANT, in addition to a generic PPI and ACIPHEX, prior to the use of a non-preferred PPI (i.e., NEXIUM, PREVACID, PRILOSEC, PROTONIX, and ZEGERID). Impacted users will be notified prior to the change.

Please see new PPI rule below which includes the addition of DEXILANT.

Enhanced Prior Authorization (EPA) Rule for Proton Pump Inhibitors
Step One: <i>(must try one generic) →</i> lansoprazole, omeprazole, or pantoprazole (generics)
Step Two: <i>(must try both preferred brands) →</i> ACIPHEX and DEXILANT (preferred brands)
Step Three: <i>(must follow step one and two prior to filling a step three medication)</i> NEXIUM, PREVACID, PRILOSEC, PROTONIX or ZEGERID (non-preferred brands)

Details

Currently the EPA program rule encourages the use of a generic PPI and a brand PPI (ACIPHEX) prior to the use of a non-preferred brand PPI. Please note that current users of step three PPIs will be required to try DEXILANT before use of a non-preferred/step three PPI.

The following rules apply to all current users of step three PPIs (including groups who have initiated delayed deployment of the EPA program):

- Current users of a non-preferred PPI who have tried a generic PPI and ACIPHEX will only be required to try DEXILANT prior to filling a non-preferred, step three PPI.
- Current users of a non-preferred PPI who have not tried a generic PPI and ACIPHEX and DEXILANT will be required to go through the steps listed above prior to filling a non-preferred step three PPI.
- Current users who have an active prior authorization on file for a non-preferred/step three PPI will not need to renew it until their current authorization expires.

Questions

Contact your Preferred Agent with questions. Thank you.