

Prevacid® (Brand Only) Step Therapy Coverage Review and Quantity Duration Limits

To Initiate a Coverage Review, call 1 800 753-2851

Coverage Review
<p>➤ <i>Prevacid</i>® (lansoprazole) (brand only) requires coverage authorization. The proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) omeprazole, <i>Prilosec OTC</i>®, omeprazole OTC, <i>Prevacid 24HR</i>® OTC and <i>Nexium</i>® do not require coverage authorization prior to first use. Please also note that the prescription-only (Rx) <i>Prevacid</i>® 15mg capsule and its generic (lansoprazole 15mg Rx capsule) are not covered under any circumstance. However, the State Health Plan now offers coverage of <i>Prevacid 24HR</i>® 15mg OTC.</p>

What Is Step Therapy Coverage Review?
<p>This program promotes generic, OTC and certain brand medications as first-line therapy.</p>

Rationale for Coverage Authorization
<p>To provide coverage for <i>Prevacid</i>® (brand only) in situations where the physician provides clinical support for this nonpreferred drug via a coverage review process.</p> <p>Please Note: If coverage for <i>Prevacid</i>® is approved, this coverage is provided for a duration of therapy of up to 90 days in a 180-day period without further coverage review. Coverage for a longer duration of therapy for the treatment of GERD, PUD, NSAID-related ulcer prevention, steroid-related ulcer prevention and hypersecretory conditions is determined through a coverage review process.</p>

Benefit Design
<p>The PPIs omeprazole, <i>Prilosec OTC</i>®, omeprazole OTC, <i>Prevacid 24HR</i>® OTC and <i>Nexium</i>® are covered without requiring a coverage review for first use. Please note that all PPIs except <i>Prilosec OTC</i>®, omeprazole OTC and <i>Prevacid 24HR</i>® OTC are subject to plan quantity limitations.</p>

Coverage Authorization Criteria
<p>➤ Benefit coverage is provided for patients who are taking the drug <i>Plavix</i>® (clopidogrel) along with <i>Prevacid</i>®.</p> <p>➤ Benefit coverage is provided for patients who have exhibited intolerance (i.e., sensitivity, drug allergy, adverse effect) to all preferred PPIs. The preferred PPIs are: omeprazole, <i>Nexium</i>®, <i>Prilosec OTC</i>®, omeprazole OTC and <i>Prevacid 24HR</i>® OTC.</p> <p>➤ Benefit for <i>Prevacid</i>® is approved for 12 months. Additionally a prior authorization is required for PPI therapy that exceeds 90 days per 180-day period.</p> <p><i>Coverage for therapy beyond 90 days per 180-day period is provided for situations in which the prescriber indicates that PPI therapy is being used for any of the following conditions:</i></p> <p>➤ Severe or atypical GERD with other related disorders such as erosive esophagitis, laryngopharyngeal reflux or other supra-esophageal symptoms (e.g., chronic cough, asthma), symptomatic hiatal hernia, esophageal stricture</p> <p>➤ Moderate GERD with daily and disabling symptoms after the patient has had an inadequate response to one high-dose H2 receptor antagonist after at least a 30 day-trial</p> <p>➤ Prevention of peptic ulcer disease (PUD) in patients at risk for ulcer formation (e.g., for NSAID-induced ulcers)</p> <p>➤ Corticosteroid-related ulcer prevention</p> <p>➤ Barrett's esophagus</p>

- Treatment of a hypersecretory condition (e.g. Zollinger-Ellison syndrome), PUD, when not a candidate for *H. pylori* eradication therapy (e.g. already treated), and trial of H2RA is not an acceptable alternative for the patient

Benefit approved for up to 12 months, depending on diagnosis.