



## Proton Pump Inhibitor Program Description

In 2005, ConnectiCare began covering Prilosec OTC (over-the-counter) with a prescription from the member's physician at Tier 1 copay. Below, please see the current prior authorization criteria for coverage of proton pump inhibitors.

**Omeprazole (generic), Protonix, Prevacid , Zegerid are covered for members aged 16 and older only if the following prior authorization criteria is met:**

1. Intolerance or treatment failure of a two week trial of Prilosec OTC within the past 2 years.  
**AND**
2. A copy of the physician chart note documenting the intolerance or treatment failure of Prilosec OTC must be supplied for review if a prescription claim can not be found.

**Nexium, Aciphex, brand name prescription Prilosec are covered for members aged 16 and older only if the following prior authorization criteria is met:**

1. Intolerance or treatment failure of a two week trial of Prilosec OTC **and** an adequate trial of Protonix/pantoprazole **and** Prevacid within the past 2 years  
**AND**
2. If claim history not available a copy of the physician chart note documenting the intolerance or treatment failure of Prilosec OTC **and** both two agent (Prevacid or Protonix) must be supplied for review. Claim history for at a minimum of one of the three is required, with the exception of new members.

Please refer to chart below for copayment tiers if above step protocols have been met. Deductibles may apply, please see your benefit summary.

<b>Drug</b>	<b>Copayment Tier</b>
Prilosec OTC	1
Omeprazole generic	2
Prevacid	2
Protonix	2
Aciphex	3
Nexium	3
Zegerid	3