

Dear Member:

Catalyst Rx, the State of Ohio's pharmacy benefit manager, regularly reviews your prescription drug formulary with The Ohio Department of Administrative Services. Regular evaluation of formulary options ensures that you and your prescriber are able to select quality medications that provide the most cost-effective therapy and help you make the most of your prescription benefit.

A recent federal court decision has upheld Pfizer Inc.'s patent on the heartburn medication Protonix[®]. This decision confirms Pfizer's claim of infringement against two manufacturers who launched unauthorized generic versions two years prior to the patent's expiration. As a result, Pfizer has authorized Wyeth, a manufacturer they acquired in 2009, to now be the sole distributor of this medication under its chemical name, pantoprazole.

Since no competing generics are allowed on the market at this time, the cost of Wyeth's pantoprazole will be comparable to the cost of brand-name Protonix. Until the patent on Protonix expires, pantoprazole will therefore be covered as a non-preferred brand-name medication on your formulary and will require Step Therapy, as described below.

Beginning September 1, 2010, Step Therapy will be required for pantoprazole and Protonix. These medications are Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPIs) which reduce stomach acid and are used to treat frequent heartburn, acid reflux (GERD) and stomach ulcers. All PPIs work in the same manner and there is no evidence suggesting that one medication is clinically superior to another. Step Therapy for other brand-name PPIs became a requirement for your plan in August 2008.

If you currently take pantoprazole or Protonix, please note that you will need to first try a generic or over-the-counter (OTC) agent for up to 30 days. If you do not try a generic or OTC agent first, you will be required to pay the full cost for these medications at the pharmacy.

Beginning September 1, 2010, several OTC agents will be added to your formulary at a reduced copayment. For your convenience, these alternatives, as well as their required copayments, are listed on the reverse side of this letter. If you currently take pantoprazole or Protonix[®], please share this list with your prescriber and ask which alternative is appropriate for you. Please advise your prescriber that the plan allows you to take up to four tablets of an OTC agent per day. It is important to ensure that the quantity is written correctly on your prescription.

Your first 30-day supply of an OTC agent is FREE when you present a valid prescription.

To take advantage of this benefit, ask your prescriber to write a prescription for a covered OTC agent. When you present a valid prescription at your local pharmacy, your copayment for refills is only \$5 per 30-day supply. You can also receive up to a 90-day supply through mail service for a \$12.50 copayment.

For more information regarding your pharmacy benefit program, please call us at 1-866-854-8850 or log on to www.catalystrx.com.

Sincerely,

Catalyst Rx

STATE OF OHIO
PROTON PUMP INHIBITOR COPAYMENT STRUCTURE
Effective September 1, 2010

Medication	Retail Copayment 30-day supply	Mail Service Copayment 90-day supply
omeprazole OTC	1 st fill free, then \$5	\$12.50
omeprazole/sodium bicarb OTC	1 st fill free, then \$5	\$12.50
Prevacid [®] 24HR OTC (15 mg)	1 st fill free, then \$5	\$12.50
Prilosec OTC [®]	1 st fill free, then \$5	\$12.50
lansoprazole (generic Prevacid [®])	\$10	\$25
omeprazole (generic Prilosec [®])	\$10	\$25
+AcipHex [®]	\$50	\$125
+Dexilant [®]	\$50	\$125
+Nexium [®]	\$50	\$125
+Protonix [®] and pantoprazole	\$50	\$125
+Vimovo [®]	\$50	\$125
+Prevacid [®] (<i>prescription version</i>)	\$50 plus the difference between the brand and generic cost	\$125 plus the difference between the brand and generic cost
+Prilosec [®] (<i>prescription version</i>)	\$50 plus the difference between the brand and generic cost	\$125 plus the difference between the brand and generic cost
+Zegerid [®] (<i>prescription version</i>)	\$50 plus difference between the brand and generic cost	\$125 plus difference between the brand and generic cost
*Step therapy is required with a 30-day trial of a generic or OTC agent.		

Please note that this is not a complete list and formulary changes can occur at any time due to changes in the marketplace. Benefit designs may vary with respect to drug coverage, quantity limitations, step therapy, days supply and prior authorization.