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Dear <First Name> <Last Name>:

As of Effective Date, some medications used to treat certain stomach conditions will no longer be covered by your prescription drug benefit unless you obtain approval through a coverage review. These medications are known as proton pump inhibitors, or PPIs.

The PPIs that will continue to be covered are omeprazole, lansoprazole, pantoprazole, and *Nexium*°.

Aciphex®, Dexilant™ (formerly known as Kapidex®),
 Prilosec® Packets, Protonix® Suspension, and Zegerid®
 Packets will no longer be covered. If you purchase one
 of these medications after <Effective Date>, you will
 be responsible for the entire cost.

AVOID PAYING MORE FOR YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS.

Ask your doctor to prescribe a covered medication.

Your Out-of-Pocket Costs

OMEPRAZOLE,
LANSOPRAZOLE,
PANTOPRAZOLE
Preferred generics

NEXIUM°
Preferred brand

ACIPHEX°, DEXILANT" (formerly known as KAPIDEX°),
PRILOSEC° PACKETS, PROTONIX° SUSPENSION,
ZEGERID°
Not covered. You pay 100% of the cost.*

*Unless you obtain approval through a coverage review.

• Omeprazole, lansoprazole, pantoprazole, and *Nexium* will continue to be covered by your plan. These medications have been proven safe and effective in treating certain stomach conditions.

Your total cost will be lower by using omeprazole, lansoprazole, pantoprazole, or *Nexium*.

- As the chart above shows, you'll **save money** by choosing the covered PPIs omeprazole, lansoprazole, pantoprazole, or *Nexium*. Length of bars on chart may not represent actual proportion of savings. Please check your plan for actual savings.
- Omeprazole, lansoprazole, and pantoprazole may give you the best savings. Generic drugs like omeprazole, lansoprazole, and pantoprazole are safe and must meet the same U.S. Food and Drug Administration standards of quality and purity as brand-name drugs. They provide the same health benefits as their brand-name versions, but at a lower cost to you in most cases.
- Save even more by using your mail-order pharmacy benefit, the **Medco Pharmacy**[™], for your long-term drugs if your plan offers a mail-order benefit. You'll get the convenience of up to a 90-day supply of medication delivered right to you, and you'll pay less over time than you would at a retail pharmacy.

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Ask your doctor to prescribe omeprazole, lansoprazole, pantoprazole, or *Nexium* so you can pay less.

- Talk to your doctor and ask whether omeprazole, lansoprazole, pantoprazole, or *Nexium* would be right for you.
- If your doctor agrees, ask for a new prescription.
- For long-term use, have your doctor write a prescription for **up to a 90-day supply**, plus refills for up to 1 year (if appropriate).
- Give your doctor your member ID number (located on your prescription drug ID card) and ask him or her to call 1 888 327-9791 for instructions on how to use our fax service to send prescriptions. (Only your doctor can fax your prescriptions.)

If your doctor believes you should use a noncovered PPI medication, you or your doctor can request a coverage review. He or she can call toll-free 1 800 417-1764, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., eastern time, Monday through Friday. If the review is approved, you will pay your plan's appropriate co-payment/coinsurance for the medication, which may be higher than what you would pay for the plan-preferred alternatives.

Over-the-counter (OTC) medications are other cost saving alternatives you might want to talk to your doctor about. They have been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to treat frequent heartburn, and are available over the counter and without a prescription.

If you have any questions about your benefit in general, visit us online at **www.medco.com** or call the toll-free Member Services number shown on your prescription drug ID card.

Sincerely,

Tracy L. Furgiuele, R.Ph.

Senior Vice President & Chief Pharmacist

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P.S. Act now to avoid paying more for your PPI prescriptions.

Medco manages your prescription drug benefit for your health plan.