

## **Aciphex, Nexium and Prevacid Will Require Step Therapy**

Aciphex, Nexium, Prevacid, Prilosec OTC and Protonix are in the same medication class and are used to treat acid reflux, ulcers and other stomach conditions. Aciphex, Nexium and Prevacid do not have generics available and will require prior use of Prilosec OTC before coverage will be approved. This requirement is called step therapy. If you and your doctor feel it is necessary for you to take Aciphex, Nexium or Prevacid you must first try Prilosec OTC for 30 days.

If you currently take one of these three, we encourage you to ask your doctor to consider writing a prescription for Prilosec OTC. Prilosec OTC is the same medication and strength that was previously available as a prescription medication, and it is chemically similar to Nexium. Your first fill is free at retail, and your savings could be as much as \$550 per year if you switch to Prilosec OTC. You will need a prescription from your doctor to take advantage of this benefit.

Employees who have been taking Nexium received a letter in March that contained a \$5 off coupon for the purchase of Prilosec OTC. This may be used to cover the copay for your 2<sup>nd</sup> retail fill of Prilosec OTC, making your first two fills free.

If you have any questions, please call Catalyst Rx Customer Service at 1-866-854-8850 or 1-888-869-4600, or Benefits Administration Services at 1-800-409-1205.