



Department of Medicaid

John R. Kasich, Governor
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Dear Provider,

The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) has received your feedback regarding the recent changes we have made to the coverage of proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) and how these changes have impacted the care of children with medical complexity. ODM remains committed to meeting the healthcare needs of our enrolled individuals and also ensuring proper stewardship of public resources. After reviewing your concerns, ODM has taken the following actions:

- Expanded the exception criteria for receiving a non-preferred PPI.
- Ensured that all pharmacists who review fee for service requests for these medications have been provided guidance and education regarding the new exception criteria for non-preferred PPIs.
- Added the following language to our prior authorization criteria for PPIs: Is there any reason the patient cannot be changed to a medication not requiring prior approval? Acceptable reasons include:
Presence of a gastrostomy and/or jejunostomy tube (G-, GJ-, J-tube).

Additionally, please note that convenience kits for compounding are not FDA-approved and not considered commercially available PPI suspension. Pharmacists can continue to compound PPI suspensions.

To ensure efficient prior authorization review, we ask that providers be sure to highlight any medical contraindications to using the preferred PPI when submitting a prior authorization request. We ask that you please document any of the following information when requesting a non-preferred drug:

- Non-oral route of administration (ex: G-tube)
- Specialized diet needs (ex: ketogenic diet)
- Allergy
- Any other contraindication (ex: drug-drug interaction)

Thank you for your partnership in caring for children served by Ohio Medicaid. If you have further questions or concerns, please contact us at:

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