

# OPTIMA HEALTH COMMUNITY CARE

## PHARMACY PRIOR AUTHORIZATION/STEP-EDIT REQUEST\*

Directions: The prescribing physician must sign and clearly print name (preprinted stamps not valid) on this request. All other information may be filled in by office staff; fax to 1-800-319-5003. No additional phone calls will be necessary if all information (including phone and fax #s) on this form is correct. Incomplete forms will delay the authorization process.

**Drug Requested:** *Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPI) Drugs (Non-Preferred)* **MEDICAID**

**DRUG INFORMATION:** Complete information below. If incomplete, authorization process will be delayed.

Drug Name/Form: \_\_\_\_\_ Strength: \_\_\_\_\_

Dosing Schedule/Frequency: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Therapy: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Authorization: 12 weeks; unless patient meets an exception, then 1 year

**CLINICAL CRITERIA:** The information below **MUST** be completed or authorization process will be delayed.

Initial Request

Renewal Request

**NOTE:** PDL Criteria **must** be met first before a non-preferred PPI may be approved.

- **Initial requests** - may be authorized for **12 weeks only**.
- **Renewal requests** - may be allowed for **1 year** if one of the following exceptions has been met:
  - Patient under the care of a Gastroenterologist **OR** patient has a diagnosis of **ACTIVE** GI Bleed, Erosive Esophagitis, or Zollinger-Ellison Syndrome.
- Has the patient had a therapeutic failure of no less than a **3-month trial of at least TWO preferred PPIs**?  Yes  No  
If **Yes**, list medications.
  - **Drug 1:** \_\_\_\_\_ Strength: \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_
  - **Drug 2:** \_\_\_\_\_ Strength: \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_
  - **Drug 3:** \_\_\_\_\_ Strength: \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_If **No**, document compelling details. \_\_\_\_\_
- Has this patient seen a Gastroenterologist?  Yes  No  
If **Yes**, document name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Does this patient have one of the following conditions?
  - ACTIVE GI Bleed  Yes  No
  - Erosive Esophagitis  Yes  No
  - Zollinger-Ellison Syndrome  Yes  No

**MEDICAL NECESSITY:** Provide clinical evidence that the **Preferred** agent(s) **will not** provide adequate benefit.

***\*Use of samples to initiate therapy does not meet step-edit/preauthorization criteria.\****

**\*Previous therapies will be verified through pharmacy paid claims or submitted chart notes.\***

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Optima #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Prescriber Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Prescriber Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

DEA OR NPI #: \_\_\_\_\_