Proton Pump Inhibitors

Adjudication Rule

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Abstract

For Members

Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPIs) are a group of medication which decreases the acidity of your stomach. They are mainly indicated for ulcer, reflux disease, eradication of Helicobacter bacteria along with antibiotics, or even for rare cases like; Zollinger-Ellison syndrome. Long term administration of PPIs can affect your health.

PPIs interact with a number of drugs; please ask your doctor or pharmacist for more information.

Daman covers PPIs if medically justified, for all health insurance plans administered by Daman, subject to policy terms and conditions.

For Medical Professionals

This adjudication rule (AR) highlights the coverage of Proton Pump Inhibitors for all health insurance plans administered by Daman.

Daman covers PPIs for the treatment of the following conditions:

- Peptic ulcer
- Dyspepsia
- Gastro-esophageal Reflux Disease [GERD]
- Eradication of H. Pylori
- Hypersecretory conditions[Zollinger-Ellison Syndrome]
- Acute upper gastrointestinal bleeding
- Erosive duodenitis
- Erosive esophagitis
- Long term use of Non-Steroidal Anti Inflammatory Drugs*
- Long term use of Aspirin*

*covered only for plans with preventive coverage benefit

Any indications, other than those listed above will not be covered, unless proven to be effective. Proton Pump Inhibitor treatment is not covered for Visitor’s plan as per policy terms and conditions.
**Proton Pump Inhibitors**

**Scope**
This adjudication rule highlights the coverage of Proton Pump Inhibitors for all plans administered by Daman.

**Adjudication Policy**

**Eligibility / Coverage Criteria**
Proton Pump Inhibitors are covered for all Plans administered by Daman (subject to policy terms and conditions).

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**Requirements for Coverage**
ICD and CPT codes must be coded to the highest level of specificity.

**Non-Coverage**
As per policy terms and conditions, Proton Pump Inhibitors are not covered for visitor’s plan.

PPI treatment will not be covered for any indications, other than those listed in eligibility criteria of this AR, unless proven to be effective.

**Payment and Coding Rules**
Please apply HAAD payment rules and regulations and relevant coding manuals for ICD, CPT, etc.

For below given indications of PPI, a principal reason should always be given for long term use of that drug e.g. Arthritis:
- Long term use of Non-Steroidal Anti Inflammatory Drugs and
- Long term use of Aspirin

**Adjudication Examples**

**Example 2**

**Question:** 40 years old male, holding a Basic card went to a hospital suffering from severe vomiting and stomach pain. Doctor has diagnosed this patient with Alcoholic gastritis with hemorrhage (535.31), and he prescribes him Proton Pump Inhibitors. Will this claim be paid?

**Answer:** No, The claim will be rejected as anything related to alcohol intake is a general exclusion for this plan.

**Example 2**

**Question:** 35 year old male went to a private hospital suffering from severe vomiting with blood. After examination doctor diagnosed him with esophageal hemorrhages (530.82). He prescribed him Proton Pump Inhibitors. Is this claim payable?

**Answer:** Yes, The claim will be accepted.

**Denial codes**

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<td>MNEC-003</td>
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**Appendices**

A. References
1. Martindale: The Complete Drug Reference
3. Lippincott’s Illustrated Reviews pharmacology (4th edition)
4. Green rain codes for medication
5. 3M integrated codebook reference.

B. Revision History

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