NEW MEASURE RESPECTING THE PERIOD DURING WHICH PROTON PUMP INHIBITORS ARE REIMBURSED

Starting May 3, 2017, the reimbursement of the cost of medications in the class of proton pump inhibitors (PPI) will be limited to a maximum of 90 days per 365-day period. This measure will affect persons age 18 and over who are covered by the Public Prescription Drug Insurance Plan (PPDIP).

How will the new measure apply?

Everyone age 18 and over with PPDIP coverage who receives a new prescription for a PPI will be affected. The first 90-day period will begin from the date of the first purchase made on or after May 3, 2017.

Reimbursements will be allowed for an extended period of 12 to 24 months for certain clinical conditions only. To qualify, the prescription issued by the prescriber will have to indicate a code corresponding to the clinical condition justifying the taking of this type of medication.

Persons age 18 and over with PPDIP coverage who had an active PPI prescription on May 3, 2017 will have until October 3, 2017 to obtain a new prescription from their prescriber. The new prescription will have to indicate a code corresponding to the clinical situation justifying the taking of a PPI.
**Which medications are targeted?**

They include:

- Pariet™ (rabeprazole) and its generic versions
- Prevacid™ (lansoprazole) and its generic versions
- Prevacid FasTab™ (lansoprazole) and its generic versions
- Pantoloc™ (pantoprazole) and its generic versions
- Tecta™ (pantoprazole) and its generic versions
- Losec™ (omeprazole) and its generic versions
- Nexium™ (esomeprazole) and its generic versions
- Dexilant™ (dexlansoprazole)

**Why the changes?**

This new measure is aimed at an optimal medication use and follows recommendations by the Institut national d’excellence en santé et en services sociaux (INESSS). According to INESSS, PPIs are costly and rank among the most prescribed medications.

**For further information**

Please refer to the publication by INESSS entitled *Usage optimal à long terme des inhibiteurs de la pompe à protons* (in French).