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RESTRICTIONS ON PROTON PUMP INHIBITORS (PPIs)

In alignment with the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ), plan members 18 years of age and older in affected plans will have access to ninety (90) days of PPI treatment per year without having to provide justification. Once this limit is exceeded, the claim will be denied with the CPhA code "C5 –plan maximum exceeded."

For plan members whose medical condition warrants use beyond 90 days, their physician must write the appropriate RAMQ condition code on the prescription. When adjudicating the claim, the intervention code "ER" can be used to allow payment beyond 90 days based on the RAMQ condition code indicated by the prescriber.

RESTRICTIONS ON BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS

Restrictions will also apply to blood glucose test strips. These restrictions will be the same as those set out by the RAMQ, as detailed below.

Limits for people with diabetes, by treatment type:

- Insulin or pregnant, 3,000 strips
- Repaglinide or sulfonylurea, 400 strips
- Anti-diabetic drug other than insulin, repaglinide or sulfonylurea, or no anti-diabetic drugs, 200 strips

Each plan member will have a maximum number of strips allowed automatically set based on their medication history. In cases where the allowable quantity is dependent on a medical condition, as set out in the RAMQ's List of Medications, a request for prior authorization must be submitted to GreenShield.

Once the plan member has exceeded their limit, GreenShield will deny the claim with the CPhA code "C5 –plan maximum exceeded." In cases where the insured's situation meets the criteria set out in the RAMQ's List of Medications for obtaining 100 additional strips, the pharmacist may proceed with the claim for extra strips by entering the procedure code "UN" when submitting the claim.