

Change in prescription drug program:

For members of the Toledo Electrical Welfare Fund, the Board of Trustees has elected to enroll their members in RESTAT's Step Therapy program. Step Therapy is a procedure which ensures that members receive the most appropriate drug at the most appropriate time of therapy for the disease state that the member is being treated for.

This program initially covers two types of prescription drugs: Proton Pump Inhibitors (such as Nexium) and Non-Sedating Antihistamines (such as Clarinex).

There are equally effective, in some cases identical, over-the-counter (OTC) medicines in both drug categories. The OTC for Proton Pump Inhibitors is Prilosec OTC; for non-sedating antihistamines, it is Loratadine.

The Fund is offering the over-the-counter version of these medications at no cost, if prescribed by your doctor and dispensed by a pharmacy. This includes a waiver of all co-pays.

If you need or are currently taking one of these medications, contact your doctor for a prescription for the OTC version of the drug. If your doctor decides that the prescription medication is needed, he can contact RESTAT for an appeal.

This program is effective February 1, 2007.

If you have any questions regarding the Step Therapy process, please feel free to contact the RESTAT Customer Service line at 800-248-1062.