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PRESCRIPTION NAME: Azelaic Gel (Azelaic acid 15%, niacinamide 4%)

COMMON USES: This gel is used to treat rosacea.

BEFORE USING THIS MEDICATION: Tell your provider if you have an allergy to azelaic acid, niacinamide or any other part of this drug. Tell your provider about the allergy and what symptoms you had (rash, hives, itching, shortness of breath, wheezing, cough, swelling of face, lips, tongue or throat or any other signs).

WHAT DOES THIS MEDICATION DO?: This medication contains two active ingredients used to treat rosacea. Both azelaic acid and niacinamide reduce the redness, scaling, pimples associated with rosacea.

HOW TO USE THIS MEDICATION: Use this medication as instructed by your provider. Shake bottle well prior to use. Wash skin with mild soap and pat dry prior to use. Apply a thin layer of medication on the affected areas of skin as directed by your provider and rub in gently. Avoid rubbing into eyes.

COMMON SIDE EFFECTS: It is common to get some skin irritation with while using this medication. Skin irritation may include burning, itching, stinging. Most of the time, skin irritation happens during the first two weeks after stating this medication, and then improves over time. Notify your provider if the skin irritation is very bad, bothers you, or does not go away. Some patients may develop changes in the color of skin. If you have asthma, use this medication with care. Worsening of asthma has happened in patients using this drug. Keep out of your mouth and eyes (may burn).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Advised your provider of all medication you are taking to avoid any reactions.
- If you have an allergy to azelaic acid, niacinamide or other part of this medication, tell your provider.
- Avoid alcohol, spicy foods, hot food and drinks and unprotected sun exposure while using this medication.
- May take 4-6 weeks to see optimal results.
- Stop application if you become pregnant or are breastfeeding.
- Do not swallow this medication. If swallowed call provider or poison control center immediately.

SERIOUS SIDE EFFECTS: Tell your provider if you have any of the following signs or symptoms of an allergic reaction such as a rash, hives, swelling, blistering, wheezing, tightness in the chest or throat, trouble breathing or swallowing, unusual hoarseness, swelling of the mouth, face, lips, tongue, or throat. If you have asthma, this medication can rarely cause worsening of asthma. Symptoms include difficulty breathing, coughing, wheezing.

If you have any questions, please call our office at 412-429-2570.