

# 12 QUESTIONS

## TO ASK YOUR PROVIDER

### *ABOUT NEW PRESCRIPTIONS*



- 1 Why do I need this?
- 2 Are there non-pharmaceutical or over-the-counter options to treat my condition?
- 3 How do I take the medication?
- 4 What do I do if I miss a dose?
- 5 How long will I need to take this?
- 6 Can I do anything to get off this medication?
- 7 What are common side effects?
- 8 Are there any long-term risks or can I become dependent (addicted) to this medicine?
- 9 Are there drug interactions with medications I already take?
- 10 Does this drug interact with any food, alcohol or require any lifestyle changes?
- 11 Is this medication covered by insurance? Are there more affordable options (generic medications or discount programs)?
- 12 How will I know if this medicine is effective?