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Drug Utilization Review Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date | Time: Thursday, July 31, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Location: This meeting was held virtually via WebEx Webinar

Audience: Drug Utilization Review Advisory Board

Council Members Present:

Chair (*), Vice-Chair (**)

Aneet Ahluwalia, MD
Chad Kodiak, PharmD
Bernice Man, MD
Bedrija Nikocecic, PharmD, BCACP**
Christopher Schriever, PharmD, MS, AAHIVP

Erica Stevens, PharmD, BCGP
Stefanie Toomey, PharmD
Santina Wheat, MD, MPH, FAAFP, AAHIVS
Jewel Younge, PharmD, BCPS

Absences Recorded:

Priti Shah, PharmD
Radhika Sreedhar, MD, MS, FACP*

HFS and UIC Staff Present:

Claudia Colombo	Jose Jimenez
Melissa Davis	Mary Moody
Jennifer DeWitt	Chintan Patel
Thomas Dorn	Christina Petrykiw
Heather Freeman	Maurice Shaw
Arvind Goyal	Michael Welton

- I. **Call to Order, Roll Call:** The meeting was conducted via WebEx webinar format in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.
 - A. Dr. Bedrija Nikocecic called the meeting to order at 8:31 am.
- II. **Roll Call of Council Members:** Dr. Nikocecic facilitated roll call of Board members. Quorum was confirmed.
- III. **Conflict of Interest Declaration and Approval of Agenda:** No DUR Advisory Board members had conflicts of interest pertinent to the agenda. Dr. Nikocecic reminded the Board members to recuse themselves from the discussion if conflicts of interest are present and to provide an updated Conflict of Interest form if new conflicts arise.

- A. The current meeting agenda with no changes or additions was moved for approval by Dr. Schriever and seconded by Dr. Kodiak. Motion passed.
- IV. **Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes:** The minutes from April 24, 2025 were moved for approval by Dr. Stevens and seconded by Dr. Schriever. Motion passed.
- V. **Approval of Destruction of Recorded Meeting Records 18 months and older:** A motion to destroy recorded meeting records dating back to January 2024 was made by Dr. Toomey and seconded by Dr. Kodiak. Motion passed.
- VI. **DUR Board Updates:**
 - A. DUR Board member departures. The following Board members' terms will end on 9/30/2025: Aneet Ahluwalia, MD, Bedrija Nikocecic, PharmD, Chris Schriever, PharmD, Radhika Sreedhar, MD, and Erica Stevens, PharmD.
 - B. New Board members. Welcome to the DUR Board, Bernice Man, MD, and Jewel Younge, PharmD
 - C. Board vote to confirm DUR Board meeting dates for 2026. Proposed DUR Board meeting dates for 2026 are January 29, 2026, April 30, 2026, July 30, 2026, and October 29, 2026.
 - 1. Motion to approve the proposed meeting dates for 2026 was made by Dr. Schriever and seconded by Dr. Toomey. Motion passed.
 - D. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for DUR year 2026.
 - 1. Motion to nominate Dr. Chad Kodiak for Chairperson was made by Dr. Schriever and seconded by Dr. Wheat. Motion passed.
 - 2. Motion to nominate Dr. Stefani Toomey for Vice-Chairperson was made by Dr. Wheat and seconded by Dr. Stevens. Motion passed.
- VII. **Retrospective DUR: Absence of Statins in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes (T2DM).** (Claudia Colombo, PharmD)
 - A. Review of the treatment for primary and secondary prevention of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) in patients with diabetes.
 - B. HFS evaluated fee-for-service (FFS) and managed care organization (MCO) members for the presence or absence of statin therapy in members with T2DM over a 1-year period.
 - C. Member adherence to statins in FFS and MCO members with T2DM over a 1-year period was also reviewed.
 - D. Jay Shah, PharmD, from CountyCare Medicaid Plan presented its DUR initiative "Closing Statin Gaps in Diabetic Care."
 - E. Presented methods and results of statin initiatives done in Ohio, Indiana, and Missouri.
 - F. Board recommendations:
 - 1. Motion to request that HFS develop educational materials for providers and members regarding the importance of lipid therapy for diabetics made by Dr. Wheat and seconded by Dr. Toomey. Motion passed.
 - 2. Motion to request that HFS look into opportunities to reimburse medication delivery to members and medication therapy management (MTM) sessions made by Dr. Toomey and seconded by Dr. Stevens. Motion passed.
- VIII. **Prospective DUR**
 - A. Illinois Medicaid Demographics (Jennifer DeWitt, BSPharm)
 - 1. Informational review of the population types in FFS and MCO Medicaid.

- B. Prospective DUR Pharmacy Benefit Management System (PBMS) Safety Edits (Chintan Patel, PharmD, MPH, BCPS)
 - 1. Information review of prospective PBMS safety edits.

IX. Education (Claudia Colombo, PharmD)

- A. Post updated URL links for CDC Guideline: Pain Management with Opioids for Pain and CDC Clinical Practice Guideline at a Glance.
- B. Motion to add the URLs above to the HFS DUR webpage was made by Dr. Wheat and seconded by Dr. Stevens. Motion passed.

X. Public Comments- Huzefa Master inquired about an MCO representative joining the DUR Board.

XI. Old/New Business, Announcements, Updates

- A. New/Old Business- None
- B. Announcements (Claudia Colombo, PharmD)
 - 1. Relevant Provider Notices released from HFS were presented to the Board.
- C. Department update. Jose Jimenez updated the Board that HFS is analyzing the impact of potential changes brought on by new federal legislation.

XII. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

- A. Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Dr. Wheat and seconded by Dr. Stevens. The motion was passed.
- B. Next meeting is scheduled for October 30, 2025, 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Approved by the DUR Advisory Board on October 30, 2025.