MINUTES

Board Members Present:
Tony Dalpiaz, PharmD.               Jennifer Brinton, MD
Mr. Kumar Shah                      George Hamblin, PharmD
Keith Tolman, M.D.                  Susan Siegfreid, M.D
Jay Aldus, DDS

Board Members Excused:
Mark Balk, PharmD.                  Michael Symond, M.D.
Kyle Jones, M.D.

Dept. of Health/Div. of Health Care Financing Staff Present:
Robyn Seely, Pharm.D               Tim Morley, R.Ph.
Trevor Smith C.Ph.T.               Merelynn Berrett, R.N.
Heather Santacruz, R.N.            Richard Sorenson, R.N.
Lisa Hunt, R.Ph.

Other Individuals Present:
Mike Broadhead, Abbvie             Greg Gittus, Alkermes
Joanita Lake, UofU                 Christina Brown, UofU
Robert Nahower, UofU               Cameron Hill, UofU
Lori Howarth, Bayer                Scott Larson, BMS
Cody Ball, Select Health           Clayne Garrett, BI
Caroline Kicklighter, Novartis     Bryan Larson, UofU

Meeting conducted by:  Tony Dalpiaz, Pharm.D.

1. Welcome – Tony Dalpiaz opened the meeting.

2. Housekeeping – Robyn Seely welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded everyone to sign in. She said that there are no petitions for the board today.

3. P&T Committee report – Lisa Hunt addressed the board and showed what the future agenda is for P&T committee discussion. She said that the November meeting is scheduled to discuss Amebicide agents. She said the December meeting is canceled.
4. **Approval of prior meeting minutes** – George Hamblin made a motion to approve the meeting minutes pending the two grammatical issues noticed by Keith Tolman. Jay Aldous seconded the motion. All in favor.

5. **Rheumatoid Arthritis Agents (DMARDS and Anti-TNF Biologic agents)** – Bryan Larson and Joanita Lake from the University of Utah DRRC presented drug information including disease symptoms, studies, side effects, indications and other information about RA drugs in this class. Data was also presented about the utilization of the drugs in the Utah Medicaid population in previous years.

6. **Public Comment** - none

7. **Board Discussion**

   a. Robyn Seely presented data from the Utah Medicaid ACOs, including the Prior Authorization requirements for RA drugs. She also shared information about the preferred/non preferred status and clinical PA requirements of the drugs on Fee for Service Medicaid.

   b. Robyn said that on current criteria, the requirement for a count of the number of swollen or tender joints is not needed any longer with new data presented from the DRRC.

   c. Robyn Seely also said that another possible change could be a trial period of three months on the agents as well.

   d. Jennifer Brinton made a motion to remove the bullet point about the swollen or tender joints and to modify bullet point number three, to change ‘or’ to ‘at least’ which would make a trial of a DMARD or second line drug a requirement. This motion would apply to all clinical prior authorizations discussed. George Hamblin seconded the motion. All in favor.

   e. George Hamblin said that the three month time frame should be left to the doctor to investigate and prescribe accurately.

   f. Jennifer Brinton asked if the flow chart should be included in the PA to assist providers with knowing what medication should be used. It was determined that the consultation with the Rheumatologist would take care of proper usage.

   g. There were no petitions for the November meeting.

8. **Meeting Adjourned** – Keith Tolman made a motion to close the meeting. Tony Dalpiaz seconded. All in favor.

The next DUR Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 11th. Rheumatoid Arthritis biologic treatments will be discussed.

Minutes prepared by Trevor Smith.
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