



Drug Utilization Review Board

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 10, 2023

7:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Google Meet

Board Members Present:

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| Judith Turner, DVM, PharmD | Katherine Smith, PharmD |
| Kumar Shah, MSc, PEng | Colby Hancock, PharmD |
| Neal Catalano, PharmD | James Keddington, DDS |
| Susan Siegfroid, MD | Jennifer Brinton, MD |
| Eric Cannon, PharmD, FAMCP, Board Chair | Sharon Weinstein, MD |

Board Members Excused:

Michelle Hofmann, MD

Dept. of Health/Div. of Health Care Financing Staff Present:

Lisa Angelos, PharmD, Pharmacy Director
Ngan Huynh, PharmD
Bryan Larson, PharmD
Jennifer Strohecker, PharmD, Medicaid Director
James Stamos, Office Director

University of Utah Drug Regimen Review Center Staff Presenter:

Val Gonzalez, PharmD

Other Individuals Present:

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| Alison Segner, CSL Behring | Gina Heinen, Novo Nordisk |
| Heather Freml, Abbvie | Robert Pearce, Karuna Therapeutics |
| Matt Metcalf, CSL Vifor | Michelle Puyear, Genentech |
| Melissa Abbott, Eisai | Jeff White, Coburn |
| Matthew Call, Company | Miles Rooney, Change Healthcare |
| Money Luloh, Utah Medicaid DRRC | Todd Dickerson, Jazz Pharmaceuticals |
| Cheryl Donahue, Takeda | Valerie Gonzales, DRRC |
| Bob Nohavec, Healthy U | Rick Kegler, Biomarin |
| Amy Hale, Johnson & Johnson | 4 joined via phone |

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Meeting conducted by: Eric Cannon

1. **Welcome:** Ngan Huynh opened the meeting and reminded everyone who attended the meeting to identify themselves via meeting chat or by sending an email to medicaidpharmacy@utah.gov. Ngan Huynh announced a quorum.
2. **Review and Approval of Choose an item Minutes:** Kumar Shah motioned to approve the minutes from July. Susan Siegfried seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.
3. **Housekeeping:** Joe Busby has retired with the state and the state is interviewing potential candidates to fill his position.
4. **P&T Committee Update: No update**
5. **Topic:**
 - a. **Information:** Hemgenix presented by Val Gonzalez
 - b. **Public Comment:** No Public Comment
 - c. **Board Discussion:**
 1. Question from Kumar on lack of studies in pediatric patients
 2. Katherine Smith asked about the mechanism of action and impacts on the liver
 3. Sharon Weinstein commented further on the mechanism of action
 4. Jennifer Brinton asked if there are public comments because she has questions for the hematologists. There was no public comment.
 5. Ngan Huynh shared the PA criteria and solicited further discussion
 1. Judith Turner asked why we require a negative adeno-associated virus serotype 5 (AAV5) neutralizing antibody assay
 2. Val Gonzalez mentioned the study results which showed

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that the titer level matters, but those who had positive assay also had positive effect with therapy depending on the titer level.

3. Jennifer Brinton asked what titer levels should be added to the prior authorization to include the patients who have positive AAV5 antibody
 4. Val Gonzalez stated that based on studies the titer level is > 678; there is no AAV5 antibody assay that is approved by the FDA
 5. Jennifer Brinton motioned to strike the assay criteria from the PA
 - a. Sharon Weinstein seconded the motion
 6. Sharon Weinstein mentioned that women were not included in the study due to the extremely rare occurrence
 1. Val noted the very rare occurrence so there are not numbers to study
 7. Sharon Weinstein asked that we consider changing male to biological male
 8. Katherine Smith asked that we consider striking all gender references in the PA
- d. Board Action**
1. Recommend to strike male gender and the assay requirement.
 1. Judith Turner motioned to accept the prior authorization as amended. Sharon Weinstein seconded. All in favor except Neal Catalano who abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest

6. Meeting Chat Transcript:

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Sharon M Weinstein MD: Wishing Joe well!

7. **The next meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 14, 2023 will be on Insulin Pumps.**



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8. **Public Meeting Adjourned:** Neal Catalano motioned to adjourn the meeting. Katherine Smith seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.
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