

Drug Utilization Review Board

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 11, 2024

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

Google Meet

Board Members Present:

Colby Hancock, PharmD

Jennifer Brinton, MD

Jordan Koncinsky, MD

Judith Turner, DVM, PharmD

Michelle Hofmann, MD

Sam Wardell, PharmD

Sharon Weinstein, MD

Susan Siegfried, MD

Eric Cannon, PharmD, FAMCP, Board
Chair

Board Members Excused:

James Keddington, DDS

Katherine Smith, PharmD

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

Andrea Rico, CPhT, CPC, Tech Mgr

Bryan Larson, PharmD, P&T Mgr

Lisa Angelos, PharmD, BCSCP, CAPP

Luis Moreno, PharmD, CDCES

Ngan Huynh, PharmD, DUR Mgr

Sepideh Daeery, PharmD, Pharmacy
Director

Stephanie Byrne, PharmD, Policy Mgr

Yoon Kim-Butterfield, MD, Medical
Director

University of Utah Drug Regimen Review Center Staff Presenter:

Lauren Heath, PharmD, MS

Other Individuals Present:

Arielle Krahenbuhl, Sick Cells

Artia Solutions

Deanna Darlington, Links2Equity

Jane Stephen, Amgen

Jason Bott, Eli Lilly

Jeff White, CarelonRx

Monet Luloh, Medicaid DRRC

Todd Dickerson, Jazz

Valarie Gonzales, Medicaid DRRC

Vanessa Crookshank, Central
Community College

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Meeting conducted by: Bryan Larson, PharmD, P&T Manager
Eric Cannon, PharmD, FAMCP, Board Chair

1. **Welcome:**

Bryan Larson opened the meeting and reminded everyone in attendance to identify themselves via meeting chat or by sending an email to medicaidpharmacy@utah.gov. Bryan Larson announced a quorum.

2. **Review and Approval of Choose an item Minutes:**

Eric Cannon motioned to approve the minutes from March 2024. Judith Turner proposed the motion and Colby Hancock seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

3. **Housekeeping:**

Bryan Larson:

- 1) Bryan Larson addressed the board and announced the new Drug Utilization Review Board Members: Jordan Koncinsky and Sam Wardell. Jordan Koncinsky and Sam Wardell introduced themselves.
- 2) Bryan Larson then shared that Judith Turner was retiring from the board and that today would be her last DUR Board Meeting. Bryan Larson invited Judith Turner to share her thoughts. Judith Turner shared her departing thoughts with the board. The DUR Board expressed their gratitude to Judith Turner for her service.
- 3) Bryan Larson shared that the Utah Medicaid Pharmacy Team is updating the website and bylaws.

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- 4) Sepideh Daery shared updates on the Change Healthcare/Optum Outage

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4. Topic:

- a. Short-Acting Beta Agonist (SABA) Utilization in Patients with Asthma: A Retrospective Review, presented by Lauren Heath, PharmD, MS with the Medicaid Drug Regimen Review Center
- b. Public Comment: None
- c. Board Discussion: Eric Cannon asked if there were any questions. Jennifer Brinton asked Lauren Heath if, based on her research, she thought there was a need to place limitations on SABAs. Lauren Heath responded that retrospective DUR and optimization would be the most appropriate in her opinion.

Bryan Larson shared that current SABA quantity limits, which were in place pre-COVID (during COVID the limits were relaxed), have been reimplemented with the unwinding of the Public Health Emergency. However, during the Change Healthcare/Optum outage, any limits are being held since they cannot be regulated. Bryan Larson continued, the state is more interested in education and outreach with a focus on patients who could benefit from treatment optimization.

Eric Cannon asked Lauren Heath if, based on her research, there is anything missing that could be implemented.

Lauren Heath responded that there are limitations to the data but believes that there is an opportunity for optimization for at-risk patients.

Eric Cannon reiterated that quantity limits are not likely a resolution. He asked if there were any further questions or comments.

There were no further questions or comments.

- d. Board Action:
Jennifer Brinton motioned that further education and patient outreach occur to at-risk patients. Eric Cannon seconded the motion.

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5. Topic:

- a. Oxbryta (voxelotor) Prior Authorization Draft presented by Stephanie Byrne, PharmD, Policy Manager
- b. Public Comment: None
- c. Board Discussion: None
- d. Board Action: Eric Cannon asked for a motion. Judith Turner motioned to approve the Oxbryta (voxelotor) Prior Authorization form as presented; Sam Wardell seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

6. Meeting Chat Transcript:

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Luis Moreno (DHHS): Welcome Sam and Jordan!

00:03:28.815,00:03:31.815

Sam Wardell: Thanks Luis! Great to see you :)

00:03:42.421,00:03:45.421

Luis Moreno (DHHS): Likewise :)

00:03:43.155,00:03:46.155

Jennifer Brinton: We will miss you Dr. Turner! And welcome to our new members!

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Monet Luloh (DRRC): Good morning! As written, does the prior authorization accommodate patients who may be intolerant to hydroxyurea? Thank you!

00:42:05.462,00:42:08.462

Monet Luloh (DRRC): Perfect! Thank you!

7. The next meeting scheduled for: April 16, 2024

Topic: Montelukast

8. Public Meeting Adjourned:

Eric Cannon motioned to adjourn the meeting. Colby Turner seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.



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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FEnS34V2KmA&list=PLDnbxUh8egJ_3S1LwAaip10IYvP5Gf84Y