



STATE MEDICAID P&T COMMITTEE MEETING  
 THURSDAY, April 16, 2009  
 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.  
 Cannon Health Building  
 Room 114



## MINUTES

**Committee Members Present:**

**Kort DeLost, R.Ph.**  
**Raymond Ward, M.D.**

**Duane Parke, R.Ph.**  
**Jerome Wohleb, PharmD.**

**Board Members Excused:**

**Matthew Rondina, M.D.**  
**David Harris, M.D.**  
**Karen Gunning, PharmD.**

**Howard Weeks, M.D.**  
**Koby Taylor, PharmD.**

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

Jennifer K. Zeleny, CPhT., MPH  
 Lisa Hulbert, R.Ph.

Tim Morley, R.Ph.

**University of Utah Drug Information Center Staff Present:**

Chris Beckwith, PharmD.

**Other Individuals Present:**

Roy Lindfield, Schering	Krishna Patel, Schering	Ann Gustafson, GSK
Doug Ethel, GSK	Blake Christiansen, GSK	Russell Mason, U of U
Alisa Hughes, U of U	Mona Beckstead, EMD Serono	Lori Howarth, Bayer
Sue Heineman, Pfizer	Brian Tagge, MD	Efrain Alton, Merck

Meeting conducted by: Raymond Ward, M.D., Co-Chairperson.

1. Meeting was cancelled due lack of quorum.
2. Consultation with Committee Members Present on Non-Preferred Authorization: Duane Parke addressed the Committee. The Legislature has mandated the use of a Prior Authorization to enforce the Preferred Drug List, effective May 18, 2009. Medicaid has compiled a set of proposed criteria for a Non-Preferred Authorization that was presented to the Committee. There are four proposed points, any one of which allows the PA for a Non-Preferred agent.

Dr. Ward stated that this procedure could work, but it is different from the way that

commercial payors handle it. Commercial payors have PA criteria for individual drug classes, rather than a catch-all form for Non-Preferred Authorizations. Having a universal form can work, but there are ways to make it easier for the physician. He suggested that it would be easier to be able to provide documentation directly on the form, rather than to have to provide notes directly from the patient's medical record to support meeting one of the conditions outlined on the form. He recommended two additional blanks on the form. The first blank would be for the drug requested. The second blank would be for him to fill out a reason for the request.

Tim Morley asked if this recommendation would be for the initial PA, or for ongoing use once the PA process gets going. Dr. Ward said that he would recommend it for all instances of a Non-Preferred Authorization. The bottom line is that he would prefer to put his documentation on the form and use the form as documentation, which is the general standard required by other payors.

Duane Parke stated that he will make the suggested changes to the PA form, and circulate it by email for Committee approval.

Jerome Wohleb stated that he agreed with Dr. Ward's suggestions and volunteered to assist the Pharmacy Team in improving the usability of this form.

Tim Morley stated that the documentation requirements from the PA form really stemmed from RaeDell, who wanted to be provided with documentation from patient progress notes rather than a form that could be filled out by anyone. Dr. Ward agreed that forms did not take any particular skill to fill out, but stated that the requirements of providing chart notes really just create an extra step for the physician. Either way, Medicaid trusts the physician to provide truthful information. He can lie in chart notes just as easily as he can lie on a form, but he does not believe that a physician would do that.

3. PDL Update: Duane Parke addressed the Committee. Preferred agents have been selected for urinary antispasmodics, skeletal muscle relaxants, and Alzheimer's cholinomimetics based on the Committee recommendations.

Next Meeting Set for Thursday, May 21, 2009  
Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Zeleny