

**PA Health & Wellness Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**1700 Bent Creek Blvd, Suite 200, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050**

**Wednesday, October 11, 2023 – 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM**

**Present:** Jason Skaria, PharmD, Jill Schaeffer, RN, Michelle Bennett, RPh, Dr. Christopher Hughes, Dr. Venkateswara Davuluri, Dr. Kolin Good

**Absent:** Dr. Mahmood Usman, Dr. Carla Huitt

**Non-Voting Members:** Amy Nowacki (Pharmacy), Jason Skaria (Pharmacy Manager), Rhonda Montesano (Pharmacy), Evan Sebastian (Pharmacy), George Kimbrow (Clinical Policy Coordinator).

**Call to Order:** The PA Health & Wellness Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee meeting called to order at 12:04 PM.

**Adjourned:** The PA Health & Wellness Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee meeting was adjourned at 12:11 PM.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, January 10, 2024 – 12:00 PM

**Submitted By:** Shalyn Kline (PHW Pharmacy)

**Committee Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Shalyn Kline, PharmD

**Date:** 1/10/2024

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Agenda Item	Discussion/Recommendation	Action	Next Steps	Owner
<b>I. Introduction &amp; Call to Order</b>	Jason Skaria called the PA Health & Wellness Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee meeting to order at 12:04 PM.	Meeting Called to Order		Jason Skaria
A. Introductions	State name of new member and title or state OR No new introductions			Jason Skaria
B. Announcements	<p>Jason reminded all that 75% attendance is required for all voting members to remain as active committee members.</p> <p>Every month, a report is sent to the state. The state provides feedback, and the necessary follow-up is completed.</p>	No action required or taken.		Jason Skaria
C. Explanation of the Review and Approval Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Voting and vote totals</li> <li>ii. Tie breaker</li> <li>iii. Pennsylvania's Review and Approval Process</li> </ul>	No action required or taken.		Jason Skaria
D. Charter Review	The committee charter was reviewed with the committee members.	No action required or taken.		Jason Skaria
<b>II. Approval of Meeting Minutes</b>	<p>A vote was taken for the approval of the minutes from Q3_2023. No objections were made.</p> <p>Motion to approve: Dr. Hughes Second motion to approve: Dr. Good</p>	Adoption of Q3_2023 Meeting Minutes recorded as approved		Evan Sebastian
<b>III. Old Business</b>	No old business	No action required or taken.		Evan Sebastian

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A. Policy Submission Status	There are 0 outstanding clinical policies awaiting approval.	No action required or taken.		Evan Sebastian
<b>IV. New Business</b>				
A. Statewide PDL updates	According to the CHC contract, a compliance rate of 95 percent is expected. The compliance rate is currently being audited internally. The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services is conducting an audit of prior authorization determination data.			Jason Skaria
B. Provider Education	A vote was taken for the approval of the Pharmacology for Weight Loss provider education. No objections were made.  Motion to approve: Dr. Good Second motion to approve: Dr. Hughes	The provider education was Committee approved.		Evan Sebastian
C. FDA Updates	This is informational only and addresses recalls, new drugs, etc. No vote necessary.	Informational		Evan Sebastian
D. Guidelines – Drug Coverage Criteria	Review on Combined Summary Table for summary of revisions. A vote was taken for the approval of 9 new policies created, 19 policies had clinically significant change, 48 policies with no significant changes and 0 policies being replaced/retired for Medicaid. No objections, concerns or comments were made.  Motion to approve: Dr. Davuluri Second motion to approve: Dr. Hughes	The policy revisions were Committee approved.		Evan Sebastian
E. Additional Drug Lists and Policies and Procedures	No vote was taken for the Pharmacy Policy & Procedures, as none were updated	No action required or taken.		Evan Sebastian
F. Complaints and Grievances Review	Evan stated that there was 7 determinations upheld and 4 overturned and 1 withdrawn during pre-grievance. 1of the 7 determinations were for opioids.	No action required or taken.		Evan Sebastian

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<p>G. Drug Utilization Review</p>	<p>Evan Sebastian presented the drug utilization review, noted the numbers are for June-July.</p> <p>FWA – There were 67 Participants reviewed with 90 Morphine Milligram Equivalent (MME) or more. No issues were found. 0 Participants were identified with three or more practices/hospitals prescribing opioids.</p> <p>5 possible participants were identified for Drug-Drug Level 2 (Major) Interaction, 3 have already been resolved.</p> <p>4 participants were identified to have an absence of a ACEI, ARB, or ARNI while diagnosed with diabetes, 2 have already been resolved.</p>	<p>No action required or taken.</p>		<p>Evan Sebastian</p>
<p>H. PBM Oversight</p>	<p>Jason Skaria reviewed the Corrective Action Plan and stated that it was closed, but post-CAP there is continuation of monitoring of prior authorization denials, and weekly meetings to address any findings. Jason stated that the overall pass rates were between 91 and 95%. The PBM call center and prior authorization metrics were reviewed and it was found that all metrics were met, and that there was only 1 outlier for Turn-Around-Time in the last quarter.</p>	<p>No action required or taken.</p>		<p>Jason Skaria</p>
<p>J. Open Forum</p>	<p>Evan Sebastian stated the P&amp;T committee is looking for a Behavioral Health provider and a member participant or representative</p>	<p>Evan can be emailed with any recommendations</p>		<p>Evan Sebastian</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 pm</p> <p>Evan Sebastian asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn: Dr. Hughes Second motion to adjourn: Dr. Davuluri</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned</p>		<p>Evan Sebastian</p>

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