

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

Wednesday, January 15, 2025 – 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, Grace Robinson (CHC Participant)

Absent: Dr. Mahmood Usman, Dr. Craig Butler,

Non-Voting Members: Amy Nowacki (Pharmacy), Shalyn Kline (Pharmacy), Evan Sebastian (Pharmacy), Tanayja Sams (Pharmacy), George Kimbrow (Clinical Policy Coordinator), Heather Clarke (Director of Case Management).

Call to Order: The PA Health & Wellness Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee meeting called to order at 12:02 PM.

Adjourned: The PA Health & Wellness Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee meeting was adjourned at 12:16 PM.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 09, 2025 – 12:00 PM

Submitted By: Shalyn Kline (PHW Pharmacy)

Date: 04/09/2025

Committee Chair: Shalyn Kline, PharmD

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Agenda Item	Discussion/Recommendation	Action	Next Steps	Owner
I. Introduction & Call to Order	Jason Skaria called the PA Health & Wellness Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee meeting to order at 12:02 PM.	Meeting Called to Order		Jason Skaria
A. Introductions	No new introductions			
B. Announcements	Jason reminded all that 75% attendance is required for all voting members to remain as active committee members. Every month, a report is sent to the state. The state provides feedback, and the necessary follow-up is completed.	No action required or taken.		Jason Skaria
C. Explanation of the Review and Approval Process	i. Voting and vote totals ii. Tie breaker iii. Pennsylvania's Review and Approval Process	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
II. Approval of Meeting Minutes	A vote was taken for the approval of the minutes from Q4 2024. No objections were made. Motion to approve: Dr. Venkateswara Davuluri Second motion to approve: Dr. Christopher Hughes	Adoption of Q4 2024 Meeting Minutes recorded as approved		Shalyn Kline
III. Old Business	No old business	No action required or taken.		Shalyn Kline
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A. Policy Submission Status	There are 30 outstanding clinical policies awaiting approval.	No action required or taken.		Shalyn Kline
IV. New Business				
A. Provider Education	<p>A vote was taken for the approval of the Sickie Cell education. No objections were made.</p> <p>Motion to approve: Dr. Christopher Hughes Second motion to approve: Dr. Venkateswara Davuluri</p>	The provider education was Committee approved.		Shalyn Kline
B. FDA Updates	<p>This is informational only and addresses recalls, new drugs, etc. No vote necessary.</p>	Informational		Shalyn Kline
C. Guidelines – Drug Coverage Criteria	<p>Review on Combined Summary Table for summary of revisions. A vote was taken for the approval of 5 new policies created, 33 policies had clinically significant change, 60 policies with no significant changes and 2 policies being retired for Medicaid. No objections, concerns or comments were made.</p> <p>Motion to approve: Dr. Christopher Hughes Second motion to approve: Michelle Bennett</p>	The policy revisions were Committee approved.		Shalyn Kline
D. Additional Drug Lists and Policies and Procedures	<p>A vote was taken for the approval of the Supplemental Drug List, Extended Day Supply List</p> <p>Motion to approve: Dr. Christopher Hughes Second motion to approve: Dr. Venkateswara Davuluri</p> <p>Shalyn presented an updated version of PA.PHARM.09 Drug Rebate Program Reporting Process</p> <p>Motion to approve: Dr. Christopher Hughes Second motion to approve: Michelle Bennett</p>	The policy and drug lists revisions were Committee approved.		Shalyn Kline

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F. Highlights of New Medications/ Significant Changes	Shalyn presented on new drugs to the market for Niemann-Pick disease type C: Aqneursa and Miplyffa. She compared the two study designs, indications, formulations and common adverse effects. Equal therapeutic outcomes are expected as of now with the data available.	No action required or taken.		Shalyn Kline
G. Complaints and Grievances Review	Shalyn stated that there was 0 determinations upheld and 7 overturned and 0 withdrawn during pre-grievance. Zero of the seven determinations were for opioids. One determinations were for GLP-1 Receptor Agonists for weight loss.	No action required or taken.		Shalyn Kline
H. Drug Utilization Review	<p>Evan presented the drug utilization review, noted the numbers are for September-December and involve several outreach categories (Adherence, Drug-Drug Interactions, Duplicative Therapy, Excessive Use, High- Risk Medication, Inappropriate Dose, Inappropriate Duration of Therapy, Lack of Therapy)</p> <p>A total of 1588 DUR outreaches were made.</p> <p>FWA – There were 31 Participants reviewed with 90 Morphine Milligram Equivalent (MME) or more. 10 participants were identified for prescriber outreach. Eight participants were identified with three or more practices/hospitals prescribing opioids and are under further review; 5 outreached have been made to date.</p>	No action required or taken.		Evan Sebastian

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J. PBM Oversight	<p>Prior Authorization Audits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> October – 96.69% passed November – 94.74% passed December – 96.25% passed <p>Call Center:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> October – 776 calls – 98.84% within TAT November – 683 calls – 91.66% within TAT December – 707 calls – 90.24% within TAT 	No action required or taken.		Jason Skaria
K. Open Forum	Shalyn stated the P&T committee is looking for a behavioral health physician. If anyone has a suggestion, they can email Shalyn.	No action required or taken.		Shalyn Kline
Adjournment	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 12:16pm</p> <p>Jason asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn: Dr. Christopher Hughes Second motion to adjourn: Dr. Venkateswara Davuluri</p>	Meeting adjourned		Jason Skaria

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