

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

Wednesday, April 09, 2025 – 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Present: Jason Skaria, PharmD, Jill Schaeffer, RN, Michelle Bennett, RPh, Dr. Craig Butler, Dr. Christopher Hughes, Dr. Venkateswara Davuluri, Dr. Kolin Good, Dr. Chris Squillaro, Dr. John Shand

Absent: Grace Robinson (CHC Participant)

Non-Voting Members: Rhonda Montesano (Pharmacy), Shalyn Kline (Pharmacy), Evan Sebastian (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 12:15 PM.

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

Submitted By: Shalyn Kline (PHW Pharmacy)

Committee Chair: Shalyn Kline

Date: 07/09/2025

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Agenda Item	Discussion/Recommendation	Action	Next Steps	Owner
I. Introduction & Call to Order	Jason called the PA Health & Wellness Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee meeting to order at 12:02 PM.	Meeting Called to Order		Jason Skaria
A. Introductions	Two new members introduced themselves: Christopher Squillaro, DO John Shand, MD			Jason Skaria
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 Q1_2025. No objections were made. Motion to approve: Dr. Davuluri Second motion to approve: Dr. Hughes	Adoption of Q1_2025 Meeting Minutes recorded as approved		Shalyn Kline
III. Old Business	No old business	No action required or taken.		Shalyn Kline
A. Policy Submission Status	There are 16 outstanding clinical policies awaiting approval.	No action required or taken.		Shalyn Kline

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IV. New Business				
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 Low-Density Lipoprotein Cholesterol versus Lipoprotein (a) in Determining Cardiovascular Disease Risk provider education. No objections were made. Motion to approve: Dr. Davuluri Second motion to approve: Jill Schaeffer, RN	The provider education was Committee approved.		Shalyn Kline
C. FDA Updates	This is informational only and addresses recalls, new drugs, etc. No vote necessary.	Informational		Shalyn Kline
D. Guidelines – Drug Coverage Criteria	Review on Combined Summary Table for summary of revisions. A vote was taken for the approval of 17 new policies created, 38 policies had clinically significant change, 35 policies with no significant changes and 4 policies being replaced/retired for Medicaid. No objections, concerns or comments were made. Motion to approve: Michelle Bennett, RPh Second motion to approve: Dr. Davuluri	The policy revisions were Committee approved.		Shalyn Kline
E. Additional Drug Lists and Policies and Procedures	A vote was taken for the approval of the Supplemental Drug List, 1 Pharmacy Policy & Procedures: PA.PHARM.10 Motion to approve: Jill Schaeffer, RN Second motion to approve: Dr. Hughes	The policy and drug lists revisions were Committee approved.		Shalyn Kline
F. Highlights of New Medications/ Significant Changes	Shalyn reviewed a new drug to market: Journavx. Journavx is indicated for moderate to severe pain and works differently than current pain medications as it works in the periphery on the sodium channels. Journavx is indicated for up to 14 days.	No action required or taken.		Shalyn Kline

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G. Complaints and Grievances Review	Shalyn stated that there was 0 determinations upheld and 4 overturned and 0 withdrawn during pre-grievance. 1 of the 4 determinations were for opioids.	No action required or taken.		Shalyn Kline
H. Drug Utilization Review	Evan presented the drug utilization review, noted the numbers are for quarter 1: 11,167 outreaches with 142 resolutions. FWA – There were 67 Participants reviewed with 90 Morphine Milligram Equivalent (MME) or more. No issues were found. 3 Participants were identified with three or more practices/hospitals prescribing opioids.	No action required or taken.		Evan Sebastian
I. PBM Oversight	Prior Authorization Audits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> January – 93.14% passed February – 95.00% passed March – 91.23% passed Call Center: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> January – 962 calls – 82.12% within TAT February – 730 calls – 57.40% within TAT March – data still being finalized 	No action required or taken.		Jason Skaria
K. Open Forum		No action required or taken.		Jason Skaria
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm Shalyn asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn: Dr. Shand Second motion to adjourn: Dr. Squillaro	Meeting adjourned		Jason Skaria

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