

PA Health & Wellness Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee Meeting Minutes
300 Corporate Center Drive, Suite 600, Camp Hill, PA 17011

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 – 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

- Present:** Meghan McNelly, PharmD, MHA; FACHE, Dr. Venkateswara Davuluri, Michelle Bennett, RPh, Debbie Rose (Participant Advisory), Jill Schaeffer, RN, Dr. Mahmood Usman, Dr. Carla Huitt, Dr. Kolin Good, Dr. Lou Parrott
- Absent:** William Baker (Pharmacy), Christina Kauffman (Pharmacy), Amy Nowacki (Pharmacy), Tanayja Sams (Pharmacy),
- Guests:** Rhonda Hredzak (Pharmacy), Jason Skaria (Pharmacy Manager), Shalyn Kline (Pharmacy), Jennifer Shepard (Manager Clinical Pharmacy Solutions Medicare), Jay Pagni (Complaints & Grievances), and George Kimbrow, Jr. (PHW Policy Coordinator), Marci Kramer (QI Director)
- 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 12:36 PM.
- Next Meeting:** Wednesday, July 21, 2021 – 12:00 PM
- Submitted By:** William Baker (PHW Pharmacy)

Date: April 21, 2021

Committee Chair: _____
Meghan McNelly, PharmD, MHA; FACHE

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Agenda Item	Discussion/Recommendation	Action	Next Steps	Owner
I. Introduction & Call to Order	Meghan McNelly called the PA Health & Wellness Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee meeting to order at 12:0 PM.	Meeting Called to Order		Meghan McNelly
A. Introductions	Dr. Kolin Good - <i>Community Care Behavioral Health</i> Dr. Louis Parrott – <i>Magellan Health</i> Introduced as new Committee Members.	Introductions were made.		Meghan McNelly
B. Announcements	Meghan reminded all that 75% attendance is required for all voting members to remain as active committee members.	No action required or taken.		Meghan McNelly
C. Explanation of the Review and Approval Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Voting and vote totals ii. Tie breaker iii. Pennsylvania’s Review and Approval Process <p>Meghan informed the Committee that from this point forward the voting will be done differently. Roll call will be taken and for each vote the voting members will be asked if there are any objections. If there are no objections, the vote will pass.</p>	No action required or taken.		Meghan McNelly
D. Charter Review	The committee charter was reviewed with the committee members. Dr. Hughes asked if the Statewide preferred drug list was for just Medicaid. Meghan explained that it was since it is state driven.	No action required or taken.		Meghan McNelly
II. Approval of Meeting Minutes	A vote was taken for the approval of the minutes from Q1_2021. No objections were made.	Adoption of Q1_2021 Meeting Minutes recorded as approved		Meghan McNelly
III. Old Business				

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A. Policy Submission Status	There were 80 clinical policies submitted. Out of the 80 policies 77 have been approved. There are three outstanding policies.	No action required or taken.		William “Bill” Baker/Meghan McNelly
New Business				
A. Statewide PDL updates	There is a 95% compliance rate expected per CHC contract. Auditing of the compliance rate identifies we are meeting the requirement. A report was sent to the State so they can verify compliance.			
B. Hepatitis C Virus Education	Voting members were asked if there were any objections to the Education. No opposition was expressed.	The education was Committee approved.		Bill Baker
C. FDA Updates	This is informational only and addresses recalls, new drugs, etc. No vote necessary.	Informational		Bill Baker
D. Drug Coverage Criteria	<p>Combined Summary Table:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HIM Summary Table <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 87 policies with clinically significant changes b. 9 new policies c. 73 policies with no clinically significant changes d. 1 policy with criteria changes based on SDC decision e. 3 policies being retired and/or replaced 2. Medicaid Summary Table <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 51 clinical policies <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. 7 new policies created 	The policy revisions were Committee approved.		Bill Baker

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	<p>responded that they work with the prescribers' if they find there are issues. She said that they would have to research the diagnosis and bring back to the committee next meeting.</p> <p>Meghan informed the committee that the requirements for opioid drug screening during COVID have been difficult. The state requires specific drugs to be tested for. Some of the drugs are not commonplace and are not done on the normal drug testing. They must be requested. We are trying to work with the state to pull back some of the drugs for testing.</p>		<p>any specific diagnosis for opioids that are prevalent. Inform the committee of the findings in the next committee meeting.</p>	
<p>G. PBM Oversight</p>	<p>Jason Skaria presented PBM oversight. He informed the committee that there were 120 requests reviewed in quarter 1. There were 60 approvals and 60 denials reviewed.</p> <p>The high cost approvals were audited for accuracy of clinical decision-making. The denials were audited using elements established in the Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) that was recommended by the state.</p> <p>Two Hepatitis C requests were approved for 24 weeks when only 12 weeks are medically necessary. The approval duration and override were updated.</p> <p>For the denials, there were three requests that had policy or criteria related errors and six requests had denial language errors. The Envolve clinical reviewers were coached to prevent future occurrences.</p>			<p>Jason Skaria</p>
<p>H. Drug Utilization Review Updates & Q1 2021 Reporting</p>	<p>No DUR report this meeting. In the next meeting the report for Q1 and Q2 will be presented.</p>			<p>Meghan McNelly</p>

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<p>I. COVID 19 Response</p>	<p>Continuing point-of-sale edits for “refill too soon”. Continuing quantity limits for hydroxychloroquine for members without a valid non-COVID –related diagnosis, and late refill reporting. The late refill reporting is sent to the Service Coordinators.</p> <p>All three MOC’s worked together with the state and Rite Aid Pharmacists and held several COVID-19 vaccine clinics for their Participants. There were 1,800 PHW Participants given the vaccine. There was a lot of positive feedback.</p> <p>At this time there is a lot of vaccine hesitancy so the demand is lower.</p> <p>Dr. Hughes asked if we can go into Participants homes to give the vaccine. Meghan stated that she is working with the state on this. They have a list of people for this.</p> <p>Dr. Hughes stated that he knows of a 95 year old that is staying with other members of their family. None of them have gotten the vaccine because they were waiting till all of them could get the shot. Meghan told him if he provides the Participants name she will add them to her list.</p>	<p>No action required or taken.</p>	<p>Dr. Hughes to provide Meghan with Participants’ name. Meghan will add to the list for the state.</p>	<p>Meghan McNelly</p>
<p>J. Help Wanted</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeking P&T member with HIV expertise • Participant member 			
<p>K. Open Forum</p>	<p>Nothing discussed.</p>	<p>No action required or taken.</p>		<p>Meghan McNelly</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 pm</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned</p>		<p>Meghan McNelly</p>

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