

Nebraska Medicaid DUR Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 9, 2019
DRAFT pending approval at September Meeting

DUR Board Members in Attendance:

Kevin Borchert, RP
Jerrick Bowers, CU PharmD Candidate
Lynn Carlson, RP
Shana Castillo, RP
Eric Gall, RP
Bruce Houghton, MD
Norman Kelley, MD
Marcia Mueting, RP
Kirk Muffly, MD
David Randolph, RP
Phil Vuchetich, RP
Robert Wergin, MD

DUR Board members not in Attendance:

Roger Mattson, RP
Charlie Moore, RP
Susan Howard, MD
Angela Wong, UNMC PharmD Candidate

Guests in Attendance:

Jill Bot, RP Magellan Medicaid Administration
Carisa Masek, RP Nebraska Medicaid & LTC Services
Larra Petersen, Nebraska Medicaid & LTC Services
Jenny Minchow, RP Nebraska Medicaid & LTC Services
Shannon Nelson, RP, WellCare of Nebraska (WC)
Kevin Peterson, RP, Nebraska Total Care (NTC)
Kristen Grimaldi, UNMC PharmD Candidate

Public Members in Attendance:

Melissa Basil, Abbvie
Holly Budlong, Abbvie
Brent Hildebrand, Gilead
Michelle Puyear, Gilead
Dave Cecil, Janssen
Lisa deVries, Mercer
Nancy Bell, Pfizer
Marc Parker, Sunovion

I. Opening and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by DUR Director, Marcia Mueting. Board members, guests and public attendees introduced themselves. The Director noted that a copy of the Open Meeting Laws and the meeting materials were available. Public attendees were asked to complete the sign-in sheet if they wished to be listed in the minutes as attending.

II. Declaration of Any Conflict of Interest Changes

No changes were declared.

III. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Bob Wergin with a second from Norman Kelley to approve the agenda as presented. Vote as follows: Borchert-yes, Carlson-yes, Castillo-yes, Gall-yes, Houghton-yes, Kelley-yes, Muffly-yes, Randolph-yes, Vuchetich-yes, and Wergin-yes. Motion carried.

IV. Approval of Minutes from May Meeting

A motion was made by Norman Kelley with a second from Bruce Houghton to approve the minutes as presented. Vote as follows: Borchert-abstain, Carlson-yes, Castillo-yes, Gall-yes, Houghton-yes, Kelley-yes, Muffly-abstain, Randolph-yes, Vuchetich-yes, and Wergin-yes. Motion carried.

V. Update on Recommendations from May Meeting

No discussion.

VI. Retrospective DUR

A. Current Profile Review

1. Restricted Services (RS)

The Director noted that each month all plans are reviewing patient's drug utilization if certain criteria are met. These criteria are intended to evaluate patients who are utilizing multiple providers. There was no additional discussion.

B. Recommendations for Future Profile Reviews

Carisa Masek noted that she is reviewing retrospective projects completed in other states, focusing on opiates, antipsychotics and benzodiazepine utilization.

VII. Prospective DUR

A. New Business

1. Annual Review of Hepatitis C Criteria

Jenny Minchow explained that DHHS modified the fibrosis score requirement to include patient with a score of 2 or greater. Shannon Nelson shared that most of the prior authorizations were denied as not including all requested information or the patient did not meet the criteria. Some requests were denied because the patient had other drug coverage, or the medication was being requested for a longer duration of treatment than recommended. Kevin Peterson noted that most denials were for patients that did not meet the fibrosis score of 2. There was discussion about the definitions of cost of care and the data need to make more informed decisions. A motion was made by Bruce Houghton with a second from Phil Vuchetich to approve the draft criteria as amended. Vote as follows: Borchert-yes, Carlson-yes, Castillo-yes, Gall-yes, Houghton-yes, Kelley-yes, Muffly-yes, Randolph-yes, Vuchetich-yes, and Wergin-yes. Motion carried.

VIII. Special Requests from the Department

Carisa Masek thanked Marcia Mueeting, Joni Cover and the NPA for their leadership. She explained how the DUR Board would move forward, including a strategic planning session at the next scheduled meeting.

IX. Future Meeting Dates

September 10, 2019

X. Concerns and Comments from

Board – Board members expressed concerns about how will DHHS maintain impartiality with the termination of the contract with NPA. There were questions about whether DHHS

has a computer system that will be able to accurately track outcomes. Larra Petersen noted that the DMA Project will be replacing the current analytics tool.

Director – Marcia Mueting thanked the Board members for their service and reviewed some of the important initiatives recommended by the DUR Board.

State Representatives- None.

Managed Care Organization Representatives- None.

Public Attendees- Nancy Bell thanked Marcia Mueting for building relationships with industry representatives and creating an atmosphere of partnership. Joni Cover thanked Marcia Mueting and the DUR Board for their dedication and for making difficult decisions to decrease costs and improve the health of the Medicaid recipients.

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Norman Kelley with a second from Kevin Borchert to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Vote as follows: Borchert-yes, Carlson-yes, Castillo-yes, Gall-yes, Houghton-yes, Kelley-yes, Muffly-yes, Randolph-yes, Vuchetich-yes, and Wergin-yes. Motion carried.