



Drug Utilization Review Board Meeting Minutes November 10, 2020

DRAFT with pending approval at the next meeting

The Nebraska Drug Utilization (DUR) Board met November 10, 2020 via Webex originating on the 5th Floor of the Nebraska State Office Building Lincoln, NE.

DUR Board Members in attendance: Kevin Borchert, RP; Bruce Houghton, MD, Charlie Moore, RP; David Randolph, RP; Phil Vuchetich, RP;

DUR Board Members not in attendance: Susan Howard, MD; Roger Mattson, RP; Robert Wergin, MD.

DHHS attendees: Carisa Schweitzer-Masek, PharmD, Director of Population Health, Nebraska Medicaid and Long-Term Care; Leah Spencer, R.N., Program Specialist; Ken Saunders, PharmD, Director of Pharmacy; Dianne Garside, PharmD and Spencer Moore, PharmD., pharmacists.

Contracted attendees:

Nikia Bennette-Carter, RP, Magellan Rx Management; Valarie Simmons, M.S., Magellan RX Management; Jamie Benson, RP, Nebraska Total Care; Shannon Nelson, RP, WellCare of Nebraska; Bernadette Ueda, RP, United Health Care.

Numerous public visitors attended via Webex.

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Ken Saunders on November 10, 2020 at 6:40 pm CST. Members and attendees were welcomed and asked to introduce themselves. Saunders made known that meeting materials and the Open-Meetings Law were available.

II. Conflict of Interest

Saunders called for declaration of conflicts of interest. None were declared.

III. Agenda approval

Phil Vuchetich noted that since no quorum was present, the Agenda for this DUR Board meeting could not be voted upon as well as any other items to be voted upon for this meeting. Saunders stated that all items to be voted upon will be revisited at the January 2021 DUR Board meeting.

IV. Special Topics

Saunders provided updates on the SUPPORT Act and drug utilization. Saunders stated that the statistics from the SUPPORT Act medications utilization will be brought to the DUR Board next meeting for the DUR Board's review and comment. Any further changes will be discussed next meeting. There was no further discussion.

Saunders brought up the discussion of replacing member vacancies. Saunders will bring to the DUR Board names of anyone contacting DHHS with interest in joining the DUR Board. The DUR Board will discuss the interested parties and the DHHS will make a final determination on adding any interested parties. Robert Wergin brought up that since DHHS does not manage the antipsychotics, there needs to be consistency in their use by the MCO's. He feels this is not the case now.

V. Retrospective DUR

The remaining MME tapering scheduled change will be completed on December 1, 2020 to down to 90 MME/day.

VI. Prospective DUR

The SUPPORT Act criteria was reviewed by Saunders related to antipsychotic medications, specifically in children. DHHS will provide useful information that will be reviewed for making recommendations. The most recent reports available will be presented at the next DUR Board meeting.

VII. Future Meeting Dates

Ken Saunders discussed that future DUR Meetings will still continue to be done virtually due to the current pandemic. DUR Board discussed future months to hold meetings. It was agreed that the meetings for calendar year 2021 will be on the second Tuesday of each odd numbered month. The next meeting will be on January 12, 2021.

VIII. Concerns & Comments

Saunders shared his view for the solution of the quorum predicament the DUR Board is experiencing with respect to having enough DUR Board members to satisfy a quorum vote. It was suggested we make a change in the DUR Board Policy Statement. After the DUR Board meeting, the DUR Board members will be contacted via email and telephone, to use a majority of the voting DUR Board members present at any meeting instead of a quorum. This will be used as the pass/fail threshold when voting is done by DUR Board members.

IX. Adjournment

Saunders adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm CST.