



Drug Utilization Review Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 14, 2023

The Nebraska Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board met Tuesday, March 14, 2023. at the Country Inn Suites in Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was held in-person and virtual format.

DUR Board Members in attendance in-person: Tim Bourke, R.P.; Anthony Ross, M.D.; Robert Wergin, M.D. Board Members in virtual attendance: Dave Randolph, R.P.;

DUR Board Members in attendance non-voting: Charles Moore, R.P.

DUR Board Members not in attendance: Tom Dunn, R.P; Jennifer Meyfeldt, M.D.; Bruce Houghton, M.D.

DHHS attendees: Carisa Masek, Director of Population Health; Leah Spencer, R.N., Program Specialist; Dianne Garside; R.P.; Spencer Moore, R.P. (virtual).

Contracted attendees- Virtual: Jamie Benson, R.P., Nebraska Total Care; Shannon Nelson, R.P., Nebraska Healthy Blue; Bernadette Ueda, R.P., United Health Care; Nikia Bennette-Carter, R.P, Magellan RX Management; Elanah Figueroa Account Manager, Magellan RX Management; Jenni Pandak, Magellan RX Management.

Public members in attendance: In-person: James (Craig) Bloom, CSL Vifor; Derek Bush, R.P, Sarepta; Kimberly Broyles-Kpogli, Molina Healthcare of Nebraska.

I. Openings and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Carisa Masek at 6:32 PM CST. The Open Meetings Act was made available as well as a public sign-in sheet. Masek asked any virtual attendees to send an email with their name and phone number used to call into Webex to: DHHS.MedicaidPharmacyUnit.gov, if they wished to be noted in the minutes.

II. Conflict of Interest No changes were declared.

III. Agenda approval

A motion was made by Robert Wergin to add DUR Gold Card discussion to the Agenda. Anthony Ross made a second. Vote: Bourke-yes, Randolph- yes, Ross- yes, Wergin- yes.

**IV. Review and Approval of Draft Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)
Minutes from May 2022, July 2022, September 2022, and November 2022**

A motion was made by Anthony Ross with a second from Tim Bourke to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: Bourke-yes, Randolph- yes, Ross- yes, Wergin- yes. Motion carries.

V. Update on Recommendations from Previous Meeting(s)

None

VI. Special Topics:

Leah Spencer presented a DHHS member portal that will be used by Board to house DUR documents and secure communication for Board members.

Robert Wergin presented discussion on Gold Card which creates a standard where prior authorization requirements are removed for providers who meet a percentage of approved prior authorizations over a prescribed time frame. He suggests that the DUR recommend this policy for medications prior authorization to include not only Fee-for service, but the managed care plans as well.

Dave Randolph states that the Gold Card method may be complicated in the pharmacy as it may be difficult to determine which provider does or does not have this exception, causing burden to the pharmacy and patients.

Carisa Masek informs that LB 210 is a current legislative bill through the banking commerce and Insurance Committee. This bill has language on the modified prior authorization concept.

VII. Retrospective DUR

None

VIII. Prospective DUR

None

IX. Next DUR Board Meeting Date

Tuesday, May 9th, 2023

X. Concerns & Comments

Board: Audio difficulties with current location.

State DHHS representatives: Medicaid to request refill of pharmacy director.

MCO Representatives: None

Public Attendees: Kimberly Broyles-Kpogli of Molina Healthcare of Nebraska introduced herself. She announces that Molina has contracted with DHHS Medicaid as of 2024.

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Anthony Ross with a second from Robert Wergin to adjourn at 7:29 PM.
Vote: Bourke-yes, Randolph- yes, Ross- yes, Wergin- yes. Motion carries.