

WYDUR Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 26, 2006
Little America
Cheyenne, Wyoming
11a.m.-3p.m.

Members Present: Mike Carpenter, William Harrison, Roxanne Homar, George Zaharas, Donna Artery, Aimee Lewis, Bill Keenan, Dean Winsch, Richard Johnson, Antoinette Brown, Deb Devereaux, Kevin Robinett, Scott Johnston, Steve Brown

Members Excused: Kurt Hopfensperger, Becky Drnas

By Teleconference: Kendra Grande, Linda Martin

Guests: Diane Carroll (Dept of Health), Terry Ahlers (Pfizer), Tim Hynek (Lilly), Terri Craig (Pfizer), Steve Snezek (Pfizer), Jim Hoover (Bayer Healthcare), Barbara Lussenhop (Roche), Betty Iverson (Wyeth), Barbara Boner (Novartis), Lori Howarth (Berlex), Pierre Thoumsin (Amgen)

Dr. Harrison called the meeting to order at 11:10 am.

I. Members were introduced and there were no announcements.

II. The minutes of the November 17, 2005 meeting were approved as presented.

III. Department of Health

A. Medicare Part D

There have been problems for providers and clients with the implementation. It has been less problematic for full benefit dual eligibles than expected. Most complaints have been about the Humana plan – claims not going through, transition day supply, low income subsidy. New wrap around medications include Fiorinal, Fioricet, Naspan and cough and cold preparations. TED hose, KY jelly, Betadine and Alcohol swabs are not covered by Part B, and are able to be billed to Medicaid POS. Wyoming has 5400 full benefit dual (FBDE) eligibles. Twenty states have determined that they will pay for FBDE if they need to. Wyoming isn't one of the states. E-Pocrates provides free formularies on PDAs.

B. Legislative / Budget Issues

Joint Appropriations Committee deliberations in January went well. The Department will utilize the supplementary budget request process so 07-08 forecasting is minimized. PharmAssist requested \$300,000 for biannum. The Oct. 31, 2005 Cost Containment Report for State Fiscal Year '05 showed that the Preferred Drug List did not lead to an increase in medical costs. The report showed a decrease in expenditures for the PDL classes and medications on the State MAC list.

C. PA/PDL

The PDLAC will be April 12, 2006. The agenda and classes to be reviewed are on the website. Pediatric patients may be subject to Prior Authorization. A decision will be made in the next few months

Smart PA is scheduled for an April 1 implementation. The draft combined NSAID/COX II criteria are on the website. Comments should be sent to Deb. They will be finalized at the March DUR meeting. A 90 day supply of stimulants (one only) is approved. More than one would require PA. Jim Caarder from the WY State Board of Pharmacy is supportive of the change. The DEA does not want arbitrary dates and "do not fill until" noted on prescriptions.

IV. New Business

- A. The optic neuritis letter was sent to ophthalmologists. Books, data sheets, patient letters and provider letter will be sent out in March for the MS project. A live CME / webcast is planned. Thanks to Berlex and Lori Howarth for support of the MS project.
- B. The high dose narcotic letter is being edited and will be sent to providers and available on the website in March. A tangential issue is how to treat pain. Scott has information from workman's comp. The Board requested that, if possible, the letter should be sent to providers who are prescribing at 2/3 of the max dosages as well as Pain Management specialists.
- C. In the Wyoming Medicaid database from Oct 04 – Sept 05 there were 3500 pt. w/diagnosis of hypertension – 2400 of those patients were being treated with medication for HTN leaving a gap of about 1000 pt. Kendra will look at 100 random profiles to determine what next steps might be appropriate.

V. Old Business

- A. APS presentation on cost saving postponed to March meeting. Information requested from APS includes: savings by patient, disease, ER visits, hospitalizations.
- B. Newsletter
April – Part D FAQ

No comments.

The Board acknowledged George Zaharas' service to the program and the Board since its inception in October 1992. Thank you and best wishes to George.

No alert changes.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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