

## **Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Meeting Minutes** **December 1, 2008**

**Members Present:** Patricia Churchill, Norman Byers, Carrie Sorenson, Greg Pfister, Steve Irsfeld, Kim Krohn, Jeffrey Hostetter, John Savageau, Scott Setzepfandt, Leeann Ness, Carlotta McCleary and Todd Twogood.

**Members Absent:** Cheryl Huber

**Medicaid Pharmacy Department:** Brendan Joyce, Gary Betting

**HID Staff Present:** Candace Rieth

Chair, C. Sorenson called the meeting to order at 1:05pm. C. Sorenson introduced the new DUR Board member, Steve Irsfeld. Steve will replace Bob Treitline as a pharmacist member of the Board. Chair, C. Sorenson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting. N. Byers moved that the minutes be approved and J. Hostetter seconded the motion. Chair, C. Sorenson called for a voice vote to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

### **Budget Update**

B. Joyce gave the budget update. In state fiscal year 2006-2007, the net drug spend was 20.2 million dollars. In 2007-2008 the net drug spend was 19.3 million dollars. This was a decrease of approximately 4.5%. Prior to Part-D, rebate collections were approximately 20-24% of drug expenditures. After Part-D, rebate collections are approximately 30-36%. Both the trend of the drug spends and the trend of rebates is consistent with other states.

### **Second Review of Triptans**

At the September meeting, N. Byers made a motion to make Imitrex first line for North Dakota Medicaid recipients. J. Kelloway, representing GSK, spoke on behalf of Treximet. C. Knutson, a provider from Fargo, spoke regarding the treatment of migraines. J. Hostetter made a motion to amend the original motion to include two points. Once a patient obtains a prior authorization for a triptan, all triptans in the class will be allowed for that patient without an additional prior authorization and patients will be grandfathered for life on current therapy. Chair, C. Sorenson called for a voice vote on the amendment with no audible dissent. Chair, C. Sorenson called for a voice vote to approve the original motion. The motion passed with one audible dissent.

### **Update on Smoking Cessation Program**

Michelle Walker spoke on behalf of the North Dakota Department of Health. Michelle updated the Board on the smoking cessation program. Once a patient enrolls with the Quit Line, a recommendation for treatment will be sent to the patient. Smoking cessation medications will be allowed once a prior authorization has been requested. The process is very close to implementation.

### **Review of Vusion**

At the September DUR meeting, T. Twogood made a motion to prior authorize Vusion. This will be the second review of this topic. There was no public comment. Chair, C. Sorenson called for a voice vote. The motion passed with no audible dissent.

### **Review of Statins**

B. Joyce reviewed statin utilization with the Board. R. Oatfield, a provider from Bismarck, spoke regarding treatment with statins. After much discussion, the review of statins was tabled.

### **Yearly PA Review**

The Board reviews products annually that have previously been placed on prior authorization. This allows the Board a chance to update the prior authorization forms and criteria. Solodyn, Oracea, Oxycontin, Short Acting Beta Agonists, Zanaflex capsules and Ketek were reviewed. No changes were made to the forms and criteria for these agents.

### **Criteria Recommendations**

The recommended RDUR criteria enclosed in the packet were developed from product information provided by the manufacturers and usually are consistent with new indications, new drugs added, new warnings, etc. These proposed criteria will be added to the current set of criteria, and will be used in future DUR cycles. P. Churchill moved to approve the new criteria and G. Pfister seconded the motion. Chair, C. Sorenson called for a voice vote. The motion passed.

The next DUR board meeting will be held March 2, 2009. J. Hostetter made a motion to adjourn the meeting and J. Savageau seconded. Chair C. Sorenson adjourned the meeting at 3:25 pm.