

**MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF MEDICAID
DRUG UTILIZATION REVIEW (DUR) BOARD
MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2023 MEETING**

DUR Board Roster: State Fiscal Year 2024 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)	Mar 2023	Jun 2023	Sep 2023	Dec 2023
Joseph Austin, MD		✓	✓	✓
Amy Catherine Baggett, PharmD			✓	✓
Terrence Brown, PharmD	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chrysanthia Davis, PharmD	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tanya Fitts, MD		✓	✓	✓
Dena Jackson, MD			✓	✓
Jahanzeb Khan, MD	✓	✓	✓	✓
Holly Moore, PharmD	✓	✓		
Kristi Phelps, RPh	✓			
Joshua Pierce, PharmD		✓	✓	
Bobbie West, MD	✓			✓
TOTAL PRESENT**	7	7	8	8

*** Total Present may not be reflected by individual members marked as present above due to members who either resigned or whose terms expired being removed from the list.*

Also Present:

Division of Medicaid (DOM) Staff:

Terri Kirby, RPH, CPM, Pharmacy Director; Dennis Smith, RPH, DUR Coordinator; Vanessa Banks, RN, Program Integrity; Roxanne Coulter, RN, Program Integrity; Matt Westerfield, APR, Communications Officer;

University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy - MS-DUR Staff:

Eric Pittman, PharmD, MS-DUR Project Director; Kaustuv Bhattacharya, PhD, MS-DUR Research Assistant Professor; John Bentley, PhD, CPMM Director;

Medimpact Staff:

Chris Benton, PharmD, Clinical Account Manager; Matt Lennertz, PharmD, Clinical Pharmacist, Rebate Strategy;

Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) Staff:

Jenni Grantham, PharmD, Director of Pharmacy, Magnolia Health; Heather Odem, PharmD, Director of Pharmacy - Mississippi, UnitedHealthcare Community & State; Trina Stewart, PharmD, Pharmacy Manager, Molina Healthcare;

Gainwell Staff:

Tricia Banks, PharmD, MS Pharmacy Services Manager; Lew Ann Snow, RN, Advisor Business Analyst; Robyn Agnew, PharmD, MS Clinical PA Pharmacist; Michelle Eldridge, PharmD, MS Clinical PA Pharmacist;

Alliant Health Staff:

Catherine Brett, MD, Quality Director, MS UM/QIO; Buddy Ogletree, PharmD, Pharmacist;

Visitors:

Ashley Zichelli, Johnson & Johnson; Paula Whatley, Novo Nordisk; Meg Pearson, MSDH; Chandler Douglas, Pharmacy Student.

Call to Order/Welcome:

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dr. Brown moved to approve the minutes from the September 2023 DUR Board Meeting, seconded by Dr. Jackson, and unanimously approved by the DUR Board.

Resource Utilization Review:

Dr. Pittman presented the resource utilization report for September 2023. Enrollment data presented was across all plans. Dr. Pittman noted that MS-DUR continues to experience data transfer issues with the encounter claims from Gainwell therefore the claims utilization information only included data from the Fee-for-Service Program. DOM continues to work with Gainwell to resolve the issues.

NEW BUSINESS:

Update on MS-DUR Educational Interventions:

Dr. Pittman provided an overview of all DUR mailings and educational notices that occurred between August 2023 through November 2023. In addition to the routine monthly mailings, MS-DUR conducted a one-time mailing to 3,730 providers regarding Medicaid's newly enacted diagnosis edit on medications that can be used for hormone replacement therapy. The board also reviewed and provided input into proposed educational materials encouraging greater dispensing of naloxone.

Special Analysis Projects:

Palivizumab Update

Dr. Pittman provided the Board with a summary of the utilization of palivizumab during the 2022/2023 RSV season. Prescribing trends for the 2022/2023 were compared to recent seasons. The Board also reviewed the changing landscape in the prevention of RSV and recently approved agents that will impact standards of care moving forward.

No actionable items were presented as part of this report.

Influenza Update

Dr. Pittman presented the board with a summary of influenza vaccinations and anti-influenza medications that were administered to Medicaid beneficiaries during the 2022/2023 flu season. The flu season returned to prepandemic seasonality with the prescribing pattern for anti-influenza medications also returning to prepandemic levels.

No actionable items were presented as part of this report.

MSDH Concomitant Prescribing with Opioids

The Center for Pharmaceutical Marketing and Management recently completed a project with the Mississippi State Department of Health describing the concomitant prescribing of opioids and psychotropic medications among Medicaid beneficiaries from 2016 to 2021. The report estimated the prevalence of concomitant use of opioids and psychotropic medications and socio-geographic differences in the prevalence at the county level.

No actionable items were presented as part of this report.

FDA Drug Safety Updates:

Dr. Pittman reviewed the FDA drug safety communications published between September 2023 and December 2023.

Pharmacy Program Update:

Ms. Kirby and Mr. Smith provided a pharmacy program update highlighting the following items:

- Brand name Ciprodex discontinuation – Mr. Smith described the recent unavailability of brand name Ciprodex and its impact. Mr. Smith discussed with the Board a plan for addressing this situation through updated PA criteria and communicating Medicaid’s recommendations to prescribers.
- ED Waiver - Ms. Kirby updated the Board on the recent update and approval of Medicaid’s Elderly and Disabled (ED) Waiver by CMS. This update includes a provision to reimburse pharmacists for providing medication management services to beneficiaries enrolled in this waiver program beginning January 2024. Medicaid is working to flesh out the program.
- Single pharmacy benefit administrator – Beginning July 2024, all pharmacy claims will be processed through Gainwell.
- VFC – Medicaid is working with the Department of Health (MSDH) to get the Medicaid system updated to recognize pharmacies as Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers. This will allow pharmacies to bill VFC vaccines for eligible children.

Next Meeting Information:

Proposed meeting dates for 2024 were presented for the Board for consideration.

- March 7, 2024

- June 13, 2024
- September 12, 2024
- December 5, 2024

Dr. Brown adjourned the meeting at 3:35 pm

Submitted,

Eric Pittman, PharmD
 Evidence-Based DUR Initiative, MS-DUR

The screenshot shows the 'Mississippi Public Meeting Notices' website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Search' and 'Login' links. Below this is a banner image featuring the state of Mississippi and the text 'PUBLIC MEETING NOTICES'. The main content area is titled 'NOTICE DETAILS' and contains the following information:

- NOTICE DETAILS**
- State Agency:** Division of Medicaid
- Public Body:** Division of Medicaid
- Title:** Division of Medicaid Drug Utilization Review Board Meeting
- Subject:** Division of Medicaid Drug Utilization Review Board Meeting
- Date and Time:** 12/7/2023 1:00:00 PM
- Description:** Please see attached for more information regarding Drug Utilization Review Board Meeting. Meeting will take place in Room 145.
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On the right side of the page, there are three additional sections:

- MEETING LOCATION:** 501 N. West Street, Jackson MS 39201. Includes a 'Map this!' link.
- CONTACT INFORMATION:** Chris Yount, 6013595253, christopher.yount@Medicaid.ms.gov
- DOWNLOAD ATTACHMENTS:** Notification to DFA 2023 Pharmacy meetings - DUR.docx (Added 1/25/2023)
- SUBSCRIPTION OPTIONS:** Subscription options will send you alerts regarding future notices posted by this public body. Includes an RSS link.