

**MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF MEDICAID
DRUG UTILIZATION REVIEW (DUR) BOARD
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 7, 2024 MEETING**

DUR Board Roster: State Fiscal Year 2024 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)	Jun 2023	Sep 2023	Dec 2023	Mar 2024
Joseph Austin, MD	✓	✓	✓	
Amy Catherine Baggett, PharmD		✓	✓	✓
Terrence Brown, PharmD	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chrysanthia Davis, PharmD	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tanya Fitts, MD	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dena Jackson, MD		✓	✓	✓
Jessica Lavender, MD	NA	NA	NA	✓
Holly Moore, PharmD	✓			✓
Kristi Phelps, RPh				✓
Joshua Pierce, PharmD	✓	✓		
Joshua Trull, DO	NA	NA	NA	✓
Bobbie West, MD			✓	✓
TOTAL PRESENT**	7	8	8	10

*** 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; Catherine Brett, MD, Clinical Medical Director/Health Informatics;

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

Eric Pittman, PharmD, MS-DUR Project Director; Kaustuv Bhattacharya, PhD, MS-DUR Research Assistant Professor; Shishir Marharjan, DUR Analyst; Jordan Hepler, Pharmacy Student;

Medimpact Staff:

Chris Benton, PharmD, Clinical Account Manager;

Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) Staff:

Mike Todaro, PharmD, 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;

Telligen Staff:

Buddy Ogletree, PharmD, Pharmacist;

Visitors:

Cathy Prine-Eagle, Merck; Michelle Shirley, Indivior; Roberto Pedraza, Vertex; Hernan Castellon, Alkermes.

Call to Order/Welcome:

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Resource Utilization Review:

Dr. Pittman presented the resource utilization report for December 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 December 2023 through February 2024. The board also reviewed the updated proposed educational materials encouraging greater dispensing of opioid antagonist products.

Recent DUR Publications/Presentations:

Dr. Pittman reviewed DUR-related publications and presentations that have occurred over the previous year. He also presented information on upcoming presentations scheduled to occur later this spring.

FDA Drug Safety Updates:

Dr. Pittman reviewed the FDA drug safety communications published between December 2023 and February 2024.

Pharmacy Program Update:

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

- Single pharmacy benefit administrator – Beginning July 1, 2024, all pharmacy claims will be processed through Gainwell.
- ED Waiver - Ms. Kirby updated the Board on the program that recently began in Medicaid's Elderly and Disabled (ED) Waiver program. It includes a provision to

reimburse pharmacists for providing medication management services to beneficiaries enrolled in this waiver program.

Next Meeting Information:

Remaining meeting dates for 2024:

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

Dr. Brown adjourned the meeting at 1:48 pm

Submitted,

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

DUR Board Meeting Resources

Members

The DUR Board is composed of twelve participating Medicaid providers who are in good standing with their representative organizations.

- [DUR Board Member List](#)

Meetings

Meetings will be held at 1:00 pm in Woolfolk Building Room 145 unless otherwise noted. 2024 dates are as follows:

- March 7, 2024 (Virtual) – **Join the meeting by clicking this Zoom link:**
<https://olemiss.zoom.us/j/84849581353>
- June 13, 2024
- Sept. 12, 2024
- Dec. 5, 2024

Generally all DUR Board meetings are live with no virtual options. However, the March 7, 2024, meeting will be held virtually. A Link to the virtual meeting will be posted here prior to the meeting. No preregistration will be required to attend.