Minutes

Drug Utilization Review Board Meeting DATE: June 8, 2011





**Meeting Purpose:** Quarterly Open Board Meeting Meeting opened at 6:04 P.M. by Chair, Sarah McGee

Agenda Items:

- I. Welcome and Introductory Remarks
- II. Special Population Program Update
- III. DUR Annual Clinical Update
- IV. MassHealth Drug List Update
- V. DUR Operational Update

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Welcome and introductory remarks:	Chair, Sarah McGee welcomed board members and guests. It was announced the March minutes were approved at the May 11 <sup>th</sup> meeting.	Follow Up

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Special Populations Program Update	A brief overview of Community Case Management was presented. Program data, Special Populations Program growth, and case studies were discussed.	Informational
Action	<ul> <li>Over the past year there has been increased communication between the CCM pharmacist and the DUR consultants to enhance the following processes: <ul> <li>Assist with CCM member PA requests</li> <li>Guideline development and updates</li> </ul> </li> <li>CCM will be expanding to include an adult population. This will occur in July 2011 and will encompass approximately 100 new members.</li> <li>The CCM pharmacist has also received an increased amount of Department of Children and Families (DCF) consults.</li> <li>There is expansion of consult requests for Foster Care Evaluation</li> </ul>	<b>Conclusions:</b> This program represents an effective strategy to enhance the quality of care for members as a direct result of collaborative efforts between MH and CWM.

Services (FaCES Clinic)	
<ul> <li>Other activities include participation in the following initiatives:</li> <li>Prescriber Outreach Programs</li> <li>Acquired Brain Injury(ABI) Waiver Program</li> </ul>	

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DUR Annual Clinical Update	An overview of DUR clinical accomplishments and projects for fiscal year July 10 – June 11 was given. New drug reviews, new clinical guidelines and updates, quality assurance analyses, therapeutic class reviews and initiatives were highlighted.	Informational
Action	<ul> <li>46 new drug reviews</li> <li>53 therapeutic tables online</li> <li>51 guidelines are online</li> <li>23 Disease/Medication PA forms online</li> <li>51 Quality Assurance Analyses</li> <li>3 therapeutic class reviews</li> <li>Initiatives: ADHD Provider Education Program, Antipsychotics, High Dose /Duplicate therapy Opioid, Provider Outreach Programs (i.e. Palivizumab, Hepatitis C)</li> <li>508 Clinical Review cases</li> </ul>	<b>Conclusion:</b> It has been a productive and extremely busy year. Annual updates will continue.

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MassHealth Drug List Update	Provide an update to the drug list additions effective July 11, 2011, and the drug list changes effective July 25, 2011.	Informational
Action	<ul> <li>There are 12 new additions effective July 11, 2011. Changes in Prior Authorization status effective July 25, 2011, were also reviewed.</li> <li>Other updates included : <ul> <li>24 therapeutic class tables</li> <li>6 PA forms</li> </ul> </li> <li>Two initiatives updated and/or created: <ul> <li>Pain Initiative</li> <li>ADHD Initiative</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Conclusion:</b> Changes in the MassHealth Drug List will continue to be provided as needed.

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MassHealth Drug Utilization Review Operational Overview	Overview of Operational trends from July 2010 –June 2011	Informational
Action	<ul> <li>Average of 8,000 calls received per month</li> <li>Average of 7,000 PA requests received per month</li> <li>The number of appeals in 2010 peaked in September with 21.</li> <li>Average of 500 provider outreach calls per month</li> </ul>	<b>Conclusion:</b> Operational updates will continue to be provided as needed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by: Vincent Palumbo, Director of DUR

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