COMMISSION ON STEP THERAPY PROTOCOLS

Minutes of Virtual Meeting Held September 25, 2026 - DRAFT

1. Call to Order

Kevin Beagan, Deputy Commissioner of the Health Care Access Bureau, Massachusetts Division of Insurance (DOI), presided over the Interim Meeting of the Commission on Step Therapy Protocols (Commission) to Discuss the Draft Report to the Legislature (Draft Report), held virtually on September 25, 2026, beginning at 9:00 AM EST. Kevin called the meeting to order and introduced the following agenda items:

Agenda:

- Welcome
- Draft Report to the Legislature
- Schedule of Future Meetings
- Closure of Meeting

2. Welcome - Attendees

Commission Members in Attendance:
Nancy Ryan, Health Policy Commission (OPP)
Kimberly Lenz, MassHealth
Caitlin Sullivan, Center for Health Information and Analysis
Sarah Chiaramida, Massachusetts Association of Health Plans, Inc.
Marc Hymovitz, representing ACSCan, a patient advocacy organization
Eileen McAnneny, representing Massachusetts employer organizations
Darlene Sawicki, CNP, representing MGH as a non-physician licensed Massachusetts prescribers

Commission Members Not in Attendance:
Clinton Pong, MD (PCP, Family Practice), representing Massachusetts licensed physicians
Open for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts (new member to be named)
Open for Massachusetts Public Health Association (new member to be named)

Other Persons Attending:
Rita Gallo, Health Analyst, Bureau of Managed Care, DOI
Kate McCann, Counsel to the Massachusetts Insurance Commissioner, DOI
Rebecca Butler, Counsel to the Massachusetts Insurance Commissioner, DOI
Cassidy Diramio, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Inc. (BCBSMA) (late arrival)

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3. Draft Report to the Legislature

Kevin presented a redlined version of the Draft Report to the Legislature (Draft Report) reflecting all comments and revisions submitted by Commission members. Following discussion, Commission members agreed to accept all of the comments and revisions. Based on Kevin's recommendations, the Commission agreed that:

- The DOI would review the step therapy exception data presented in the Draft Report and revise the totals and percentages for accuracy.
- The Commission's primary focus will be obtaining the most accurate step therapy exception data available from carriers and other sources. When the Commission is more confident in the data, it will evaluate impacts.
- The DOI will prepare second Draft Report containing all comments and revisions accepted during this meeting and circulate it for final review by the Commission at another Interim Meeting prior to issuing the final report to the Legislature.

Motion to Accept Revisions to the Draft Report to the Legislature

- Introduced by Kimberly; seconded by Eileen.
- Motion passed unanimously by all voting Commission members in attendance.

Members Voting in Favor:
Kevin Beagan
Nancy Ryan
Kimberly Lenz
Caitlin Sullivan
Sarah Chiaramida
Marc Hymovitz
Eileen McAnneny
Darlene Sawicki, CNP

4. Schedule of Future Meetings

Kevin proposed that, although the final report is due to the legislature on or before October 1, 2026, the Commission will hold another interim meeting at 9:00 AM EST on October 9, 2026, to discuss and agree upon the second Draft Report to the Legislature. All voting members indicated that they are available to attend a meeting at this time, and Kevin stated that an invitation will be issued after this meeting.

5. Closure of the Meeting

Kevin ended the interim meeting at 9:34 AM EST.

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