

March 11, 2009 DURB Meeting Summary

Issue	Attachment*	Action	Notes
Roll Call			<p>Present: Dr. Swee, Dr. Marcus, Dr. Condoluci, Mr. Schafer, Ms. Olson, Ms. Martinez- Rodriguez, Dr. Barberio, Dr. Gooen, Dr. Zanna</p> <p>Absent: Dr. Woodward, Dr. Lichtbroun, Dr. Moynihan, Dr. Moore, Dr. Gochfeld,</p>
Review of Minutes	Pages 5-8; Tab 1	Approved	<p>Minutes from October 15, 2008 meeting were approved and will be posted to the DURB website: http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/dmahs/durb_meetings.html</p>
Secretary's Report	Page 9-10; Tab 2		<p>(1) The State will present SFY 2008 NJDURB Annual Report to the Board members for their approval once it has been approved by the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS). (2) The State will present the HMO denial reports to the Board in the upcoming meetings. The Board and the State requested that the HMOs attempt to mimic the Unisys reporting style so that consistency may be established. (3) Minor correction to the transcript was noted on page 11, line 19: the word "end" should have been "N". (4) DURB newsletters will be presented in a uniform format and once approved by the Board and the State newsletters will be posted to the DURB website. (5) The State presented the Board's suggestion concerning Lyrica[®] and at this point each individual HMO will take the recommendation into consideration as to whether or not to include non-FDA approved indications for coverage.</p>
Business			
A. First Data Bank (FDB) Maximum Daily Dose Standards and Gender Standards	Pages 11-14; Tab 3	Approved	<p>DMAHS is pursuing an initiative to incorporate FDB standards into the Medical Exceptions Program (MEP)-Drug Utilization Review (DUR) process. The purpose of this initiative is to enhance the current DUR process to ensure appropriate utilization of drugs and</p>

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			ensure patient safety. Utilizing these standards will assist DMAHS in identifying and ultimately decreasing fraud, waste, and abuse. DMAHS presented the FDB standards to the Board for their review and recommendations/comments/suggestions where necessary. All Board members received CDs with all the maximum daily dose and gender standards. The Board will review certain classes of medications such as HIV, mental health, oncology, and other specific therapeutic classes requested by the State.
B. High Dose Proton Pump Inhibitor Protocol	Pages 15-16; Tab 4	Approved	DMAHS proposed the high dose proton pump inhibitor protocol to further define when twice-a-day dosing is necessary beyond 12 weeks. DMAHS will clinically consider approving high dose proton pump inhibitors for patient with more severe diagnosis without symptom relief. The Board requested esophageal stents be added to the protocol as criteria for approval of twice-a-day dosing beyond 12 weeks.
C. Nutritional and Vitamins Duplication	Pages 17-18; Tab 5	Approved	DMAHS has found an increasing trend in the duplication of therapy between nutritional supplements and vitamin supplements. The annual combined expenditure in 2008 for these supplements was approximately \$13.9 million.
D. DURB Newsletters	Pages 19-38; Tab 6		All newsletters presented during this meeting were approved and will be posted on the DURB website and sent out to all Medicaid providers. Additional changes/comments from the Board will be incorporated prior to distribution.
Informational Highlights			
1. Unisys Clinical Intervention Report	Pages 39-42; Tab 7		Unisys is continuously improving the report provided to the Board. "Directed Intervention" has been broken down to account for each intervention as requested by the Board.
2. Most Frequently Utilized Drugs	Pages 43-48; Tab 8		The Board requested that the 2007 drug utilization report comparing NJ Medicaid's top drugs versus national trends be modified to combine the different strengths reported for NJ. This will be presented again in April 2009.

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Follow-up Items			
DURB SFY 2008 annual report			The DURB annual report has been sent to the Commissioner of the Dept. of Human Services for approval.
HMO Denial Reporting			The State requested that the Managed Care Organizations provide a format for quarterly denials that is similar to the Unisys report. These will be presented when the reports are in for the Board's information.