

**Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS)**  
**Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board**  
**Quarterly Meeting**  
**September 19, 2007**

The quarterly meeting of the ODJFS DUR Board was called to order at 12:00 PM in the Room 1948 of the Riffe Center, 77 S. High St., Columbus, Ohio. Donald Sullivan, PhD, RPh, Chair, presided. The following Board members were present:

Thomas Gretter, MD  
Robert Kubasak, RPh, Co-Chair  
Kevin Mitchell, RPh  
John Petracci, RPh  
Lenard Presutti, DO  
Donald Sullivan, PhD, RPh, Chair

Also present were Margaret Scott, RPh, DUR Administrator, and Jill Griffith, RPh, DUR Director. Excused absence was Jacob Palomaki, MD. 9 observers were present, representing pharmaceutical manufacturers, the state Board of Pharmacy, and ACS State Healthcare.

Reading, Correction & Approval of Previous Minutes:

The May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, DUR Board minutes were approved with no corrections. (1<sup>st</sup> T. Gretter 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Kubasak).

DUR Committee Report:

The DUR Administrator, Margaret Scott, RPh, gave the DUR Committee report.

M. Scott reported that J. Griffith's contract was pending, so no DUR Committee meetings had been held since June.

In June, 2,021 letters regarding serotonin syndrome were sent to prescribers of a large number of serotonergic drugs. 693 responses have been received. 438 of the responses indicated that the mailing was useful, and 431 had increased awareness of serotonin syndrome.

The DUR Review for atypical antipsychotics and metabolic testing has been finalized. The Board had previously voted to send an intervention letter to all psychiatrists, as well as all other prescribers who were identified as having five or more patients taking an atypical antipsychotic who did not have a claim for a blood sugar test in an 18-month period. 1,185 letters will be sent, including 254 to psychiatrists with five or more qualifying patients, 294 to non-psychiatrists with five or more qualifying patients, and 637 to psychiatrists who did not have five qualifying patients.

### Health Plan Policy:

M. Scott distributed copies of Medical Assistance Letter (MAL) No. 535, which provides information regarding changes to the Preferred Drug List (PDL), the new step edit for long-acting beta agonist products, and the federal requirement for use of tamper-resistant prescription pads.

M. Scott discussed the new federal requirement for use of tamper-resistant prescription blanks. The law will take effect October 1, 2007. If a non-compliant pad is used, the pharmacy may call the prescriber to verify the prescription. Discussion about the requirements focused on whether it must be a pharmacist that calls for verification, or if a technician could make the call.

M. Scott announced the implementation of the new PDL, beginning October 1, 2007. Few changes have been made from the prior year. New classes include smoking deterrents, anti-emetics, benign prostatic hypertrophy agents, glaucoma agents, and leukotriene receptor modifiers.

### Unfinished Business:

Board Compensation has been increased to \$150 per meeting attended.

The Board discussed implementation of the National Provider Identifier (NPI). While many pharmacies are submitting claims using their NPI, the majority of claims are submitted using the prescriber's Ohio Medicaid provider number. The pharmacists on the Board said that they have had trouble obtaining NPIs from prescribers.

### New Business:

M. Scott announced that the department had issued a request for proposals through the Medicaid Technical Assistance and Policy Program (MEDTAPP) to obtain the assistance of a state university for data analysis and research for the DUR program. More details will be provided as they become available.

M. Scott requested that the Board approve criteria for a doctor shopping review. The last doctor shopping review was completed in the summer of 2006. Criteria for that review were patients receiving controlled substances, Tramadol, and/or carisoprodol from three or more prescribers in a 45-day period. The Board approved using the same criteria for the next review (1<sup>st</sup> R. Kubasak, 2<sup>nd</sup> T. Gretter). D. Sullivan gave an update on the Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS) through the Board of Pharmacy. About 10% of all pharmacists have registered, and about 15% of physicians have registered. Approximately 9,000 new users are registering each month, with about 90% of the new registrations from physicians.

### Announcements:

M. Scott announced the next Board meeting would take place on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at noon. The location will be the Riffe Building, room to be determined.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM (1<sup>st</sup> T. Gretter, 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Petracci).

Respectfully submitted:

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Margaret A. Scott, RPh, DUR Administrator