Ohio Department of Medicaid Drug Utilization Review Board
Conflict of Interest Policy

All members of the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the highest professional ethical standards. Therefore, each member is required to abide by this policy so that scientific and economic data serves as the basis in rendering objective decisions concerning DUR Board projects, reviews and educational programs.

I. Conflict of Interest. A conflict of interest means any substantial financial interest in the outcome of a DUR Board review or educational publication, or in the outcome of any other decision of the DUR Board. A conflict of interest may exist when a DUR Board member, or their immediate family member, has a relationship with organizations that may have a direct or indirect interest in the business in front of the DUR Board and such relationship could inappropriately influence the member’s or another DUR Board member’s judgment. This may also include a relationship with an organization, such as a manufacturer or pharmaceutical company. A relationship with an organization may include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

1. Employment by or appointment to or a position on a Board of Directors or corporate committee or panel.
2. Holding a financial or shareholder interest (including stocks, bond or other securities) other than interests held in investment vehicles, like mutual funds, exchange traded funds, or blind investment trusts, where the member does not have an active management role.
3. Having a consultant arrangement with and/or appointment to advisory panels.
5. Participation in a Speaker’s Bureau or appointment to company-sponsored Editorial Board.
6. Acceptance of research support, including, but not limited to, research grants, educational grants or contracts.
7. Acceptance of gifts, compensation, royalties, or rewards.
8. Acceptance of support for travel for professional or educational activities or direct payment for presenting at continuing education or professional education programs.

Immediate family members include the member’s spouse or partner, children, parents, and siblings.

II. Disclosure. All DUR Board members must disclose, at least annually, any professional or financial affiliations held by themselves or held by their immediate family members with organizations that may have a direct or indirect interest in the business or reviews in front of the DUR Board. DUR Board members have an ongoing duty to disclose to the DUR Board any conflicts or potential conflicts of interests as they arise. Please check the box of the statement that best applies:

☐ No Conflicts. Neither I nor my immediate family have a current or recent (within the last 24 months) professional or financial affiliation with any organization that may have a direct or indirect interest in the business or reviews before the DUR Board.

☐ Disclosures. I or an immediate family member have/had a professional or financial affiliation with an organization that has or may have a direct or indirect interest in the business or reviews before the DUR Board, as described on the following page.
III. Recusal. All conflicts of interest will result in a recusal. If a member is recused, he/she shall not deliberate, debate, recommend, advise, vote or participate in any way in the decision making process for the subject matter to which the recusal extends. This prohibition includes all communications with other members of the DUR Board, whether inside or outside of formal meetings.

IV. Conduct. Each DUR Board member shall avoid any action that might give rise to the appearance of impropriety, such as engaging in any act that could create a conflict of interest (see section I. Conflict of Interest). DUR Board members shall abide by all Ohio laws and regulations governing appropriate ethical conduct of members of committees, boards or commissions. DUR Board members are encouraged to seek advice and assistance from the Ohio Ethics Commission, if necessary, to determine whether a potential conflict of interest exists.

V. Violations. Violations of this policy may result in dismissal from the DUR Board at the discretion of the Director of the Ohio Department of Medicaid in accordance with the terms outlined in Article IV of the Contract between the DUR Board member and ODM.

VI. Agreement. Each DUR Board member shall sign this policy upon appointment, annually, and when amendments are made to this policy from time to time.

I have received, read, and agree to abide by the Drug Utilization Review Board Conflict of Interest Policy.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ______________

Printed name: ___________________________