Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board Quarterly Meeting
November 12, 2019

The ODM DUR Board meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM EST in room C621
50 West Town Street, Columbus, Ohio. Michael Dietz, D.O. presided.

The following Board members were present:
Michelle Barger, Pharm. D.
David Brookover, R.Ph.
Michael Dietz, D.O., Co-Chair
Michael Farrell, M.D.
Lenard Presutti, D.O.
Stacey Rexrode-Brewer, Pharm.D.
Donald Sullivan, Ph.D., R.Ph.

Also present from ODM was Scott Baran, R.Ph. Change Healthcare attendees included Jill R.K. Griffith B.S. Pharm. D. and Gail Master, R.Ph. Approximately 12 observers were present, mostly representing pharmaceutical manufacturers.

Roll Call, Reading, Correction, and Approval of Previous Minutes

The September 17, 2019 DUR Board Meeting Minutes were approved.

DUR Committee Report

G. Master presented a summary of responses for the RetroDUR intervention directed at prescribers whose patients were less than 18 years old and 70 percent or less adherent to their atypical antipsychotics. A summary was also presented for patients who were greater than 18 years old and 50 percent or less adherent to their atypical antipsychotics.

G. Master then presented the re-review results from the RetroDUR intervention directed at the prescribers of patients who were taking opioids in combination with benzodiazepines and sedative hypnotics.

Lastly, G. Master provided an update to the Board on the Coordinated Services Program (CSP) membership. Currently, 217 Fee-for-Service members are enrolled in the program.

Health Plan Policy

M. Barger announced that The Ohio Department of Medicaid, in partnership with the Medicaid Managed Care Plans (MCPs), is implementing a Unified Preferred Drug List (PDL) on January 1st, 2020. All Ohio Medicaid MCPs will prefer the same medications and use the same prior authorization criteria. This unified list of drugs will help both prescribers and members know which drugs are covered with or without prior approval.

The goals of this initiative include:

- Streamlining pharmacy benefits for all Medicaid members,
- Ease administrative burdens for prescribers,
- Clinical coordination of care for Ohio’s Medicaid population, and
- Minimizing member movement across MCPs.

The Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee meeting was held on October 2nd. At this meeting the entire PDL was reviewed. The meeting minutes and final Unified PDL are currently posted on the Medicaid
Pharmacy website.
In an effort to innovate pharmacy benefits management, ODM will be selecting a state pharmacy benefit manager to be used by all managed care organizations, which shall be selected provisionally by July 1st, 2020. ODM is currently accepting interview requests for pharmacy benefit feedback through November 14th. For additional information please visit the ODM website.

Other budget initiatives include implementing a supplemental dispensing fee with at least three different payment levels to be paid to retail pharmacies, and the establishment of an annual benchmark for prescribed drug spending growth under the Medicaid program. More information will be provided as it is available.

ODM is pleased to announce a new pharmacist will be joining the Ohio Department of Medicaid, Sean Eckard. Sean comes from Trinity Health System in Steubenville, Ohio. ODM looks forward to working with Sean and he will be seen at future meetings.

Unfinished Business

G. Master provided an overview of the Prescriber Benchmark intervention. Prescribers were selected based on their opioid prescribing habits and were compared to other prescribers in the same specialty and county. A discussion ensued around the methodology utilized to identify these prescribers. The prescriber letter was presented, and suggestions were made. The Board suggested this type of intervention should be recurring on a regular cadence and recommended including a bar graph in the prescriber letter.

New Business

G. Master reviewed the SUPPORT Act and discussed the December RetroDUR interventions. Finally, G. Master presented the 2020 RetroDUR intervention recommendations from the DUR Committee. Discussion and suggestions from the Board followed.

Announcements

The remaining calendar for 2019 was presented by G. Master.

S. Baran announced that D. Sullivan has been appointed to the Scientific Committee on Opioid Prevention and Education (SCOPE) by Attorney General David Yost.

The dates for the next DUR Board meetings were set as follows:
- February 11, 2020
- May 12, 2020
- September 15, 2020
- November 10, 2020

DUR Board annual elections took place. Dr. Michael Dietz was elected DUR Board Chair and Stacey Rexrode-Brewer was elected Co-Chair.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 PM