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NOTICE OF OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, **Drug Use Review (DUR) Board**, will conduct a public meeting on **March 31, 2005**, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the following location:

**Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce
Conference Room A/B
3720 Howard Hughes Pkwy
Las Vegas, NV 89109**

Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate physically challenged persons desiring to attend the meeting. Please call Nancy Davis at: 775-684-3715 or email at ndavis@dncfp.state.nv.us in advance, but no later than two working days prior to the meeting, so that arrangements may be conveniently made.

Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. Unless otherwise noted, items may be taken out of order at the discretion of the Chairperson.

Public comment is limited to five minutes per individual, organization or agency, but may be extended at the Chair's discretion.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. *Discussion and Approval of December 16, 2004 Minutes
- III. Report on Historical Prior Authorization Request Activity and Approval Rates – First Health Services
- IV. Presentation by First Health Services and Discussion by Board of Prospective Drug Utilization Review (Pro DUR) Reports
 - A. Top 50 Drugs Ranked by Payment Amount – CY2004
 - B. Top 10 Therapeutic Classes by Payment Amount – CY2004
 - C. Pro DUR Message Report– Nov 04 through Jan 05
- V. Committee Discussion of Recent FDA Public Health Advisory and Resultant FDA Advisory Committee Recommendation Concerning the Use of Non-Steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drug Products (NSAIDS), Including Those Known as COX-2 Selective Agents
- VI. *Committee Action Regarding the Implementation and/or Revision of Prior Authorization Criteria for the Non-Steroidal Anti-inflammatory (NSAIDS) Drug Class, Including Those Known as COX-2 Selective Agents
- VII. *Board Discussion and Action on Changing Prior Authorization Process to Allow Pharmacists to Initiate Prior Authorization Requests

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- VIII. *Committee Action to Expand Current PDL Exception Criteria to Include Continuity of Care Considerations for Antidepressant Medication

- IX. Presentation by First Health Services and Discussion by Board of Retrospective Drug Utilization Review Results
 - A. Hydrocodone Compound Dose > 60mg/day
 - B. Benzodiazepines Dupe w/Benzodiazepines
 - C. Atypical Antipsychotics- Duplicate Therapy w/Atypical Antipsychotics
 - D. Zolpidem; Duration of Therapy > 35 Days
 - E. Fentanyl (Actiq) > 132 in 30 Days
 - F. Cox-2's s/PPI's

- X. Discussion by Board Regarding Areas of Focus for Future Retro DUR

- XI. Old Business
 - A. Update from First Health Services Regarding Implementation of Denials for Pro DUR Severity Level One Messages
 - B. Discussion by Board Regarding the Limitation of Drug-Drug Interaction Denials
 - C. *Action by Board Regarding the Limitation of Drug-Drug Interaction Denials
 - D. Update from DHCFP Regarding the Dissemination of Informational Materials at Pharmacy Locations
 - E. Status Report from DHCFP on Implementation of Texas/Nevada Medication Algorithm Plan
 - F. Status Report from DHCFP and First Health Services Regarding Proposed Educational Program

- XII. Public Comment

- XIII. *Adjourn

*** Denotes items, including subparts, on which an action may be taken.**

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If requested in writing, a copy of the action items will be mailed to you or they may be reviewed Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. or at the meeting. Please call at least one day ahead for an appointment for document review. Written comments on the proposed changes may be sent to the DHCFP, 1100 E. William Street, Suite 102, Carson City, NV 89701.

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