

## **NEVADA HEALTH AUTHORITY**

## **Nevada Medicaid**

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## **Drug Utilization Review Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date of Meeting:** Thursday, July 31, 2025

Name of Organization: The State of Nevada, Nevada Health Authority, Nevada Medicaid, Drug Use Review Board

Agenda Item	Record			Notes
1) Call to Order and Roll Call	It was announced the meeting is being recorde	Nevada Medicaid Staff Present were as follows:		
	Chairperson Jennifer Wheeler called the meeti p.m. on July 31, 2025.  Chairperson Wheeler took the roll.	<ul> <li>Brown, Antonio, Chief of Pharmacy &amp; DMEPOS</li> <li>Palomino, Bonnie, Pharmacy Services Manager</li> <li>Flowers, Ellen, Social Services Program</li> </ul>		
		Present	Absent	Specialist II
	Jennifer Wheeler, Pharm.D., Chair  Natashi Adaelahur, Pharm.D. Vice Chair	$\boxtimes$		Cabrera, Donna, Program Officer I
	<ul><li>Netochi Adeolokun, Pharm.D., Vice-Chair</li><li>Crystal Castaneda, MD</li></ul>			<ul> <li>Hamilton, Jessica, DMEPOS Program</li> <li>Manager</li> </ul>
	Jessica Cate, Pharm.D.	$\boxtimes$		Driscoll, Lauren, Deputy Attorney
	David England, Pharm.D.	$\boxtimes$		General (DAG)
	Brain Le, DO		$\boxtimes$	
	Jim Tran, Pharm.D.			<ul> <li>Prime Therapeutics Staff Present were as follows:</li> <li>Czechowski, Jessica, Pharm.D.,         Director, Clinical Account Services     </li> <li>Mishra, Raj, Pharm.D., Clinical Account Manager</li> </ul>
				<ul> <li>Deoliveira, Brittany, Pharm.D., Clinical Account Manager</li> <li>Martinez, Chris, Sr. Business Analyst</li> </ul>

		<ul> <li>Managed Care Organization representatives present were as follows:         <ul> <li>Bitton, Ryan, Pharm.D., Health Plan of Nevada</li> <li>Marquez, Joy, Pharm.D., Silver Summit Health Plan</li> <li>Tran, Jimmy, Pharm.D., Molina Healthcare</li> <li>Ahmed, Shadi, Pharm.D., Anthem</li> </ul> </li> <li>The public attendee list is included as Attachment A.     <ul> <li>Note: Participants may not have chosen to reveal their identity, and in the absence of a sign-in sheet, the attendee list's accuracy is not assured.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2) General Public Comment	Telephonic and web comments were called for, and the phone lines were opened.	
	No public comment was provided.	
3) Administrative		
a) For Possible Action: Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from April 17, 2025.	Vice-Chair Neto Adeolokun moved to approve the minutes as presented, and Board Member Jessica Cate seconded the motion.  A vote was taken, and the results were as follows from members in attendance (in favor, against, and abstentions where applicable):	
	Yes No Abst.  ■ Jennifer Wheeler, Pharm.D., Chair □ □  ■ Netochi Adeolokun, Pharm.D., Vice-Chair □ □	

	<ul> <li>Crystal Castaneda, MD</li> <li>Jessica Cate, Pharm.D.</li> </ul>
	Brain Le, DO     □ □ □ □
	● Jim Tran, Pharm.D. □ □ ⊠
b) Status Update by DHCFP	Chief of Pharmacy and DMEPOS Antonio Brown provided an announcement.  I just have a couple of announcements I wanted to share. So, the first one, we have officially transitioned to Nevada Health Authority under the Division of Nevada Medicaid. We are no longer DHCFP. That said, there are no changes to this board. Additionally, I would like to share that Nevada Medicaid has officially launched the Single Preferred Drug List initiative. This means that moving forward Nevada Medicaid will follow one unified PDL. The goal of this initiative is to reduce the administrative burden for providers and recipients, simplify the prioritization process, enhance continuity of care and support better healthcare outcomes for all of the Medicaid Members. We are currently in the planning phase and expect full implementation by January 1st, 2026. As a last update, we are still recruiting for our board. We are looking for active, practicing physicians and pharmacists. If you are interested, please send us your CV at rxinfo@nvha.nv.gov.

4) Clinical Presentations		
a) For Possible Action: Discussion and possible adoption of prior authorization criteria and/or quantity limits for Niemann-Pick disease type C (NPC) agents.		
i) <u>Public comment</u> on proposed clinical prior authorization criteria.	Telephonic and web comments were called for, and the phone lines were opened.  Public comment was provided by William Lam, Scientific Director for Madrigal Pharmaceuticals.	
ii) Presentation of utilization and clinical information.	<ul> <li>Dr. Raj Mishra reviewed the proposed criteria presented in the binder for Aqneursa and Miplyffa.</li> <li>Dr. Ryan Bitton with Health Plan of Nevada, approved of the proposed criteria as presented.</li> <li>Dr. Joy Marquez with Silver Summit Health Plan, approved of the proposed criteria as presented.</li> <li>Dr. Jimmy Tran with Molina Healthcare, approved of the proposed criteria as presented.</li> <li>Dr. Shadi Ahmed with Anthem, approved of the proposed criteria as presented.</li> </ul>	
iii) Discussion by Board and review of utilization data.	Chairperson Wheeler asked if the Board Members had any comments.  No comments were made.	

iv) Proposed adoption of updated prior authorization criteria.	Vice-Chair Adeolokun moved to approve the criteria as presented by Prime Therapeutics and Board Member Cate seconded the motion.  A vote was taken, and the results were as follows from members in attendance (in favor, against, and abstentions where applicable):  Yes No Abst.  Yes No Abst.  Jennifer Wheeler, Pharm.D., Chair            Netochi Adeolokun, Pharm.D., Vice-Chair          Crystal Castaneda, MD            Jessica Cate, Pharm.D.            David England, Pharm.D.            Brain Le, DO
b) For Possible Action: Discussion	Jim Tran, Pharm.D.
and possible adoption of prior authorization criteria and/or quantity limits for Rezdiffra (resmetirom).	
i) <u>Public comment</u> on proposed clinical prior authorization criteria.	Telephonic and web comments were called for, and the phone lines were opened.  No public comment was provided.
ii) Presentation of utilization and clinical information.	<ul> <li>Dr. Mishra reviewed the proposed criteria presented in the binder for Rezdiffra.</li> <li>Dr. Bitton with Health Plan of Nevada, approved of the proposed criteria as presented.</li> <li>Dr. Marquez with Silver Summit Health Plan, approved of the proposed criteria as presented.</li> <li>Dr. Tran with Molina Healthcare, approved of the proposed criteria as presented with recommendations for lab work or attestation that the member has progressed to stage 4 cirrhosis be added to the renewal criteria.</li> <li>Dr. Ahmed with Anthem, approved of the proposed criteria as presented.</li> </ul>

iii) Discussion by Board and review of utilization data.	Chairperson Wheeler asked if the Board Members had any comments.  Vice-Chair Adeolokun provided a comment.  Board Member Cate provided a comment.						
iv) Proposed adoption of updated prior authorization criteria.	Vice-Chair Adeolokun moved to approve the cr Prime Therapeutics with the addition of Endoci consultation option; Chairperson Wheeler secon A vote was taken, and the results were as follow attendance (in favor, against, and abstentions						
c) For Possible Action: Discussion	<ul> <li>Jennifer Wheeler, Pharm.D., Chair</li> <li>Netochi Adeolokun, Pharm.D., Vice-Chair</li> <li>Crystal Castaneda, MD</li> <li>Jessica Cate, Pharm.D.</li> <li>David England, Pharm.D.</li> <li>Brain Le, DO</li> <li>Jim Tran, Pharm.D.</li> </ul>	Yes	No	Abst.			
and possible adoption of prior authorization criteria and/or quantity limits for <b>Kisunla</b> (donanemab-azbt).							

i) <u>Public comment</u> on proposed clinical prior authorization criteria.	Telephonic and web comments were called for, and the phone lines were opened.  Public comments were provided by Elizabeth Lobelzik, Payer Health Outcomes Liaison at Eli Lilly and Company.	
ii) Presentation of utilization and clinical information.	<ul> <li>Dr. Mishra reviewed the proposed criteria presented in the binder for Kisunla.</li> <li>Dr. Bitton with Health Plan of Nevada, approved of the proposed criteria as presented.</li> <li>Dr. Marquez with Silver Summit Health Plan, approved of the proposed criteria as presented.</li> <li>Dr. Tran with Molina Healthcare, approved of the proposed criteria as presented.</li> <li>Dr. Ahmed with Anthem, approved of the proposed criteria as presented.</li> </ul>	
iii) Discussion by Board and review of utilization data.	Chairperson Wheeler asked if the Board Members had any comments.  No comments were made.	
iv) Proposed adoption of updated prior authorization criteria.	Board Member David England moved to approve the criteria as presented by Prime Therapeutics and Board Member Cate seconded the motion.  A vote was taken, and the results were as follows from members in attendance (in favor, against, and abstentions where applicable):	
	Yes No Abst.  ● Jennifer Wheeler, Pharm.D., Chair □ □	

	Netochi Adeolokun, Pharm.D., Vice-Chair	$\boxtimes$			
	<ul> <li>Crystal Castaneda, MD</li> </ul>			$\boxtimes$	
	<ul> <li>Jessica Cate, Pharm.D.</li> </ul>	$\boxtimes$			
	<ul> <li>David England, Pharm.D.</li> </ul>	$\boxtimes$			
	Brain Le, DO			$\boxtimes$	
	Jim Tran, Pharm.D.			$\boxtimes$	
d) For Possible Action: Discussion and possible adoption of prior authorization criteria and/or quantity limits for Respirator and Allergy Biologics.					
i) <u>Public comment</u> on proposed clinical prior authorization criteria.	Telephonic and web comments were called for were opened.  No public comment was provided.	r, and t	he phoi	ne lines	
ii) Presentation of utilization and clinical information.	<ul> <li>Dr. Mishra reviewed the proposed criteria pressure Nemluvio, Ebglyss and Dupixent.</li> <li>Dr. Bitton with Health Plan of Nevada, appropriate as presented.</li> <li>Dr. Marquez with Silver Summit Health Plan proposed criteria as presented.</li> <li>Dr. Tran with Molina Healthcare, approved as presented.</li> <li>Dr. Ahmed with Anthem, approved of the presented.</li> </ul>	roved o n, appr	f the pr oved of propos	oposed the ed criteria	

iii) Discussion by Board and review of utilization data.	Chairperson Wheeler asked if the Board Members				
	No comments were made.				
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iv) Proposed adoption of	Board Member England moved to approve the		-		
updated prior authorization criteria.	by Prime Therapeutics and Chairperson Whee	ler sec	onded	the	
authorization criteria.	motion.				
	A vote was taken, and the results were as follo	ws fron	n meml	pers in	
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	Netochi Adeolokun, Pharm.D., Vice-Chair	$\boxtimes$			
	Crystal Castaneda, MD			$\boxtimes$	
	Jessica Cate, Pharm.D.	$\boxtimes$			
	David England, Pharm.D.	$\boxtimes$			
	Brain Le, DO			$\boxtimes$	
	• Jim Tran, Pharm.D.			$\boxtimes$	
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authorization criteria.	were opened.				
	Public comment was provided by April LaRue f	rom M	arion		
	Pharmaceuticals.				

ii)	Presentation of utilization and clinical information.	Dr. Mishra reviewed the proposed criteria preschenodiol.	sented	in the b	oinder for	
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		Dr. Marquez with Silver Summit Health Plan	n, appr	oved of	the	
		proposed criteria as presented.	a <b>f</b> + la a		a d a uita uia	I
		<ul> <li>Dr. Tran with Molina Healthcare, approved as presented.</li> </ul>	or the	propos	ed Criteria	
		<ul> <li>Dr. Ahmed with Anthem, approved of the p</li> </ul>	ropose	ed crite	ria as	
		presented.	•			
iii)	Discussion by Board and review of utilization data.	Chairperson Wheeler asked if the Board Member	ers had	any co	mments.	
		No comments were made.				
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IV,	<ul><li>Proposed adoption of updated prior</li></ul>	Board Member Cate moved to approve the cri Prime Therapeutics and Chairperson Wheelers		•	•	I
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		attendance (in favor, against, and abstentions	where	applica	able):	
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		Netochi Adeolokun, Pharm.D., Vice-Chair	$\boxtimes$			I
		Crystal Castaneda, MD			$\boxtimes$	
		Jessica Cate, Pharm.D.	$\boxtimes$			I
		David England, Pharm.D.	$\boxtimes$			I
		Brain Le, DO			$\boxtimes$	I
		Jim Tran, Pharm.D.			$\boxtimes$	I

f) For Possible Action: Discussion and possible adoption of prior authorization criteria and/or quantity limits for Cholbam (cholic acid).		
i) <u>Public comment</u> on proposed clinical prior authorization criteria.	Telephonic and web comments were called for, and the phone lines were opened.  Public comment was provided by April LaRue from Marion Pharmaceuticals.	
ii) Presentation of utilization and clinical information.	<ul> <li>Dr. Mishra reviewed the proposed criteria presented in the binder for Cholbam.</li> <li>Dr. Bitton with Health Plan of Nevada, approved of the proposed criteria as presented.</li> <li>Dr. Marquez with Silver Summit Health Plan, approved of the proposed criteria as presented.</li> <li>Dr. Tran with Molina Healthcare, approved of the proposed criteria as presented.</li> <li>Dr. Ahmed with Anthem, approved of the proposed criteria as presented.</li> </ul>	
iii) Discussion by Board and review of utilization data.	Chairperson Wheeler asked if the Board Members had any comments.  Board Member England made a comment.  Vice-Chair Adeolokun made a comment.	

iv) Proposed adoption of updated prior authorization criteria.	Board Member England moved to approve the Prime Therapeutics and Vice-Chair Adeolokun				
	A vote was taken, and the results were as follow attendance (in favor, against, and abstentions				
	<ul> <li>Jennifer Wheeler, Pharm.D., Chair</li> <li>Netochi Adeolokun, Pharm.D., Vice-Chair</li> <li>Crystal Castaneda, MD</li> <li>Jessica Cate, Pharm.D.</li> <li>David England, Pharm.D.</li> <li>Brain Le, DO</li> <li>Jim Tran, Pharm.D.</li> </ul>	Yes	No	Abst.	
5) Board Requested Reports					
Opioid Utilization Reports: i) Opioid Trends ii) Top Members iii) Top Prescribers iv) Top Pharmacies	<ul> <li>Dr. Mishra presented opioid utilization reports. Bitton presented opioid utilization reports. Dr. Marquez presented opioid utilization reports. Tran presented opioid utilization reports. Dr. Ahmed presented opioid utilization reports. Ahmed presented opioid utilization reports. Chairperson Wheeler asked for comments from regarding Opioid Reports. The Board discussed No additional action taken or motions for investigation.</li> </ul>				
Comments from Board Members regarding the Opioid Utilization Reports.	Chairperson Wheeler asked for comments from regarding Opioid Reports.				
	No additional action taken or motions for investigation	stigativ	e refer	rals.	
	Board Members suggested bringing some idea on how to improve the process of monitoring				

Standard DUR Reports: i) Top 10 Therapeutic Classes ii) ProDUR Paid Claims Savings Report iii) RetroDUR DUR Initiatives	<ul><li>Dr. Bitton present</li><li>Dr. Marquez prese</li><li>Dr. Tran presente</li></ul>	ted Standard DUR Reports. ed Standard DUR Reports. ented Standard DUR Reports. d Standard DUR Reports. ted Standard DUR Reports.		
6) Physician Administered Drugs				
<ul> <li>a) For Possible Action: Discussion and possible adoption of prior authorization criteria and/or quantity limits for Physician Administered Drugs.</li> </ul>	Bavencio Bevacizumab_ONCO Darzalex_IV Darzalex_SQ Denosumab Eculizumab Elaprase GCSF_LA	Imfinzi Jemperli Kadcyla Keytruda Libtayo Opdivo Paclitaxel Albumin-Bound Pemetrexed	Perjeta Rituximab_IV Susvimo Tecentriq_IV Trastuzumab_IV Trastuzumab_SQ Yervoy Zynlonta	
i) Public comment on proposed clinical prior authorization criteria.	were opened.  Public comment was p Teva.  Public comment was p	omments were called for, an provided by Mandeep Sohal, provided by Kelly McNeil, Fiel lexion Pharmaceuticals.	Pharmacist with	
ii) Presentation of utilization and clinical information	<ul> <li>Dr. Bitton with Headeriteria as present</li> <li>Dr. Marquez with Sproposed criteria</li> <li>Dr. Tran with Molinas presented.</li> </ul>	Silver Summit Health Plan, ap	d of the proposed oproved of the ne proposed criteria	

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	Netochi Adeolokun, Pharm.D., Vice-Chair	$\boxtimes$			
	Crystal Castaneda, MD			$\boxtimes$	
	Jessica Cate, Pharm.D.	$\boxtimes$			
	David England, Pharm.D.	$\boxtimes$			
	Brain Le, DO			$\boxtimes$	
	Jim Tran, Pharm.D.			$\boxtimes$	
7) Closing Discussion					
a) Public Comment	Telephonic and web comments were called for	and th	ne phor	ne lines	
	were opened.				
	No public comments were provided.				
b) Date and location of the next	Chairperson Wheeler stated the next meeting i	s sched	luled fo	or	
meeting.	October 16, 2025.				
	<b>Location</b> : Hilton Garden Inn, Reno				
	Meeting adjourned at 2:43 pm				

Aaron Girvin	Cade Grogan	JC	Lisa Pulver	Shaneka L. Wiley	Judi Ross
Ron Abraham	Camille Kerr	Jenna Artia Solutions	Robin Wells	William Lam	Rick Kegler
Stefanie Abraham	Corinne Copeland	Ashley Jones	Don Robinson	Kenneth Garcia	
Shadi A. Ahmed	Darlene Wolff	JUC (Justen Caleca)	Sabrina Schnur	Adam Furman	
Andy B	Christine Dube	Alexandra Kaiser	Samuel McKnight	Justin Clark	
Ann Marie O'Toole	Elizabeth Scott	Lori McDermott	Sofia Perez	Lee Stout	
Beth Lubelczyk	Aaron Feyos	Mandeep Sohal	Thomas Deckelman	Jill Carroll	
Angel Beus	Garth Wright	Max Wattenmaker	Jimmy Tran	April LaRow	
Brian Evans	Amy Hale	Kelly McNeil-Posey	Tray Abney	JJ Roth	
Brittany A. Aviles	Janelle Raymond	Michelle Bice	Victoria Facchini	Nate Osborne	

None Written Comments Submitted