

## **Meeting Minutes**

P.A. 101-0463 Prior Authorization Working Group

June 19, 2020

2:00-3:00

### **Locations:**

CALL-IN ONLY

### **Call-in Information:**

1-312-535-8110

Code: 133 625 0356

## **Welcome**

- Kate Morthland welcomed members and guests to the final meeting for the Prior Authorization Working Group.
- Morthland covered housekeeping measures for the conference call.

## **Introductions**

### Members:

Dr. Daniel Yohanna

Dr. Syed Ali

Ben Calcaterra

Dr. Quinlan

Dr. Shani Francis

Laura Minzer

Patrick Besler

Garth Reynolds

### Members Absent:

Dr. Syed Ali

Dr. Quinlan

### Guests:

Lori Reimers

Cigna

Health Alliance

Aaron Winters  
Ambetter  
Aetna  
Quartz  
Pharma  
IASP  
IRMA

## **Minutes**

Morthland referred to the minutes from the past meeting in May attached to the agenda.

Laura Minzer motioned to accept the minutes.

Dr. Yohanna seconded the motion.

The minutes were accepted.

## **Recommendation Discussions**

Morthland mentioned purpose of the meeting is to have members present any updated recommendations to the group. Then there will be a short time for discussion and questions. After the conclusion of the meeting, the individuals will have achieved the objective statutorily required on PA 101-0463, which is to provide the Department with recommendations and input in at least one public meeting in order for the Department to develop the uniform electronic prior authorization form.

- Ben Calcaterra introduced the IPhA recommendations to the group. Calcaterra went through each point referred in the recommendation document.
- Dr. Yohana thanked Ben for his recommendations and mentioned the importance of short term durations.
- Pat brought up the duration of approval recommendation and mentioned the importance of duration standards set by clinical panels. Pat mentioned that overriding this ability would create safety issues.
- Laura Minzer mentioned that some of the recommendations are out of the scope of authority of what is provided in the statute to create a uniform prior authorization form. Minzer mention that she spoke to Garth Reynolds and many of these items can be discussed at a later date via legislation.
- Patrick Besler seconded Minzer's concerns and stated that these recommendations must have a larger conversation than the objective within statute to create the actual form. Besler added, regarding the clinical team, that overriding prior authorization durations would create safety concerns.
- Lori Reimers mentioned that the recommendations go beyond the scope of creating a form. There was another prior authorization form this Spring, there will be next Spring. We might need to change the forms a couple of times in the future to address these process issues.

- Dr. Yohanna mentioned that the forms are usually too short regarding duration for prior authorization. Dr. Yohanna understood the concerns on overriding a clinical panel's ability.
- Minzer mentioned that the Group spent a lot of time on true electronic prior authorization on the last meeting. The Group talked a lot about Cover my Meds. That platform has a lot more to do with integration and medical records than can be accomplished in this form.
- Morthland thanked Reynolds and Calcaterra on their recommendations and updating them to reflect the form. Morthland mentioned that there seems to be a lot of discussion on the consideration of process regarding prior authorization. Morthland mentioned that the Department would be happy to be a part of those discussions in the future. However, some recommendations are out of the scope of authority of what this form can do. Morthland mentioned that the form cannot impede on any other laws within the Code.
- Garth Reynolds provided Morthland with a citation regarding the fifth recommendation.
- Dr. Yohanna presented his recommendations. He mentioned that the purpose of his recommendations is to streamline the process. He discussed the recommendations in his document.
- Morthland mentioned that the 72 and 24 hour recommendation are already listed as prior authorization standards.
- Dr. Yohanna asked whether or not this will apply to all plans.
- Sara Stanberry, Health Products Advisor, DOI, mentioned that this uniform form will only be for fully insured plans and explained that in Illinois, 20-25% of consumers will be covered under a fully insured plan.
- Dr. Yohanna asked if this uniform form will only cover a small number of plans?
- Stanberry stated yes.
- Morthland asked the members and guests for any further comment or discussion.

### **Adjourn**

Morthland took a moment to thank members and guests for their expertise and conversation. The Department sincerely appreciates the dialogue and recommendations. The Department can provide great work product because of the work that was done on these calls for the past couple of months. Morthland mentioned that she appreciates the members for taking time to assist the Department's objective.

The meeting adjourned at 2:39PM.