

Minutes

P.A. 101-0463 Prior Authorization Working Group

April 17, 2020

11:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

Locations:

CALL-IN ONLY

Call-in Information:

1-312-535-8110

Code: 289 653 537

I. Welcome

II. Introductions

Members Present: Daniel Yohanna, Syed Ali, Ben Calcaterra, Garth Reynolds, Maura Parker Quinlan, Shani Francis, Laura Minzer, and Patrick Besler

Member Absent: None.

Guests Present: Lori Reimers, David Porter, Alop Shaw, Sarah Choise, Aaron Winters, Meryl Sosa, Kim Maish, Brianna Lantz, Nadeen Israel, Cory Bloom, Anna Burns, Lori Fossa

III. Working Group Objectives

Deadlines:

July 1, 2020: The Department shall develop a uniform electronic prior authorization form that shall be used by commercial insurers.

July 1, 2021: An insurer that provides prescription drug benefits shall utilize and accept the uniform electronic prior authorization form.

July 1, 2021, every prescribing provider must use the uniform electronic prior authorization form to request prior authorization for coverage of prescription drug benefits and every insurer shall accept the uniform electronic prior authorization for prescription drug benefits.

Requirements:

The Department shall develop the uniform electronic prior authorization form with input from interested parties.

The Department, in development of the uniform electronic prior authorization form, shall take into consideration the following:

Existing prior authorization forms established by federal CMS; and National standards pertaining to electronic prior authorization

IV. Discussion

- Syed Ali suggested submitting objectives of the group.
- Dan Yohanna suggested looking at data and asked how many forms IL currently has.
- Kate Morthland from the Department of Insurance mentioned that the Department would be unable to secure that type of data in the time frame mandated by statute to produce the work product.
- Laura Minzer provided some historical perspective to the statute the Working Group is looking at. Minzer mentioned that the legislation was a collective effort to determine the best format to create a form for uniform prior authorization. Minzer mentioned that moving forward the Working Group could look through existing templates and standards. Minzer mentioned that industry can collectively come up with some templates and bring them back to the group to modify.
- Meryl Sosa mentioned that there are currently more than 350 different prior authorization forms for IL.
- Kate Morthland suggested looking at other states for examples so the group doesn't have to recreate the wheel on suggestions.
- Brianna Lantz voiced concern regarding the objectives of the Working Group. Lantz stressed that the Working Group is not producing the work product.
- Morthland from the Department reassured Lantz that the objective of the Working Group was to simply provide recommendations that are required by statute. The Department of Insurance is solely tasked with creating the product.
- Jeremy suggested looking at Medicare Part D and CMS standards when creating the uniform prior authorization form. Jeremy asked if this form will be used for a primary form or a secondary form?
- Minzer mentioned that during the passing of the legislation, the parties did not talk about other forms.
- Sosa agreed with Minzer and mentioned that the conversation did not include secondary forms.
- Cory Bloom requested that guests have access to Working Group member's suggestions if materials become available.
- Morthland ensured that she will share any suggestions or product from the members with the following agenda on May 15th.

V. Next Steps

- The Department will look at templates and suggestions provided by the Working Group members. The Department will bring any questions they have to the Working Group meeting.

- Members will discuss their suggestions/templates at the next Working Group Meeting.
- The deadline for Working Group members to submit suggestions/templates is May 8th.
- The next meeting will be held on May 15, 2020 from 10:00 AM-11:00AM. Depending on the pandemic, the Working Group might have to hold the next meeting via conference call. We will know locations closer to the date. Regardless if we meet in person, another call-in number will be provided for those that are unable to join in person (if we meet in person).

VI.Adjourn

- The Meeting adjourned at 11:28AM.