

Minutes

P.A. 101-0463 Prior Authorization Working Group

May 15, 2020

10:00-11:00

Locations:

CALL-IN ONLY

Call-in Information:

1-312-535-8110

Code: 284 853 719

- **Welcome**

Members and guests were welcomed to the second Prior Authorization Working Group meeting.

- **Introductions**

Members Present:

Dr. Daniel Yohanna

Dr. Syed Ali

Ben Calcaterra

Garth Reynolds

Dr. Maura Quinlan

Dr. Shani Francis

Patrick Besler

Laura Minzer

Guests Present:

Aaron Winters

Lori Reimers

Jay Shattuck

Kevin Smith

Kim Maish

Brianna Lantz

Sara Chaus

Josh Shethus

Anna Burn

Meryl Sosa

Julian

Johnathan Moody
Larry Lewis

- **Minutes**

The minutes were introduced. No edits were suggested. Dr. Syed made the motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Garth Reynolds.

- **Recap on Group Objectives**

Kate Morthland provided Working Group members and guests with a recap of the objectives of these meetings as laid out in P.A. 101-0463.

P.A. 101-0463 states:

(d) The Department shall develop the uniform electronic prior authorization form with input from interested parties, including, but not limited to, the following individuals appointed by the Director: 2 psychiatrists recommended by a State organization that represents psychiatrists, 2 pharmacists recommended by a State organization that represents pharmacists, 2 physicians recommended by a State organization that represents physicians, 2 family physicians recommended by a State organization that represents family physicians, 2 pediatricians recommended by a State organization that represents pediatricians, and 2 representatives of the association that represents commercial insurers, from at least one public meeting.

To simplify, the goal of the meeting is to offer recommendations strictly confined to the four corners of the form. Some recommendations received will require other statutory changes.

Morthland explained that the purpose of the current meeting is to have those members who submitted materials before the May 8th meeting to explain their recommendations and open the floor to discuss each submission recommendation.

- **Recommendation Discussions**

Member submissions were attached to the Agenda as well as posted to the Department of Insurance's website. Morthland mentioned that she organized the documents in numerical order of receiving them.

Prior Authorization Documentation Member Submissions

1. Dr. Syed Ali submitted the following documents

- a. Doc 1: AMA 2018 Prior Authorization State Law Chart
 - i. Morthland introduced this document and had no questions. No member or guest questions followed.
 - b. Doc 2: Prior Authorization Form from DuPage Medical Services
 - i. Morthland requested more clarification on this document for a specific recommendation.
 - ii. Dr. Ali mentioned that this document was made in 2018 and was over inclusive. Dr. Ali said it needs to be simplified but could not give any recommendations as to how to achieve simplification at this time.
 - c. Doc 3: Johnson and Johnson State by State Healthcare Updates
 - i. Morthland mentioned that standardized PA forms are typically not applicable to self-funded employer sponsored health plans (ERISA), Medicare Part D, and Medicaid Fee for Service Plans. So, to clarify, this will eliminate some prior authorization forms. However, these excluded plans do not have to follow this, which means health care professionals will still have to work with multiple prior authorization forms.
 - ii. There was conversation between Patrick Besler and Dr. Yohanna regarding a form for qualification limits. Besler mentioned that dispensing limits on prior authorization was a separate form. Dr. Yohanna stated that qualification limits were 20% of what pre-authorization questions are. Besler is going to look into this and get back to the Department for clarification.
2. Dr Quinlan
- a. Doc 4: OBGYN Medical Doc
 - i. Dr. Quinlan introduced information contained within the document and mentioned the delay in prior authorization. Dr. Quinlan mentioned that everyone wants a streamlined process for prior authorization.
3. Laura Minzer and Patrick Besler
- a. Doc 5: Industry Recommendation List
 - i. Laura Minzer introduced the feedback list and the corresponding Michigan Prior Authorization form.
 - ii. Morthland asked about block layouts. There is an electronic submission creating a PDF that a provider fills out completely. This ensures completeness so the task can be streamlined.
 - iii. Dr. Francis agreed that the Michigan form is comprehensive. Dr. Francis introduced the electronic platform called “Cover my Meds.”
 - iv. Minzer stated that Cover my Meds is used by a lot of plans. However, this is out of the scope of the prior authorization form. She mentioned that providers can still utilize Cover my Meds even with the form.

- b. Doc 6: Michigan Prior Authorization form for reference
- 4. Garth Reynolds
 - a. Doc 7: Reynold's Recommendations
 - i. Garth and Carcaterra introduced their information and recommendations.
 - ii. Calcaterra mentioned that the document was to serve more as a conversation starter than recommendations for the form.
 - iii. Morthland mentioned that the Department would be happy to look at any updated recommendations specific to the form. The Department gave a deadline for updated recommendations by close of business May 29, 2020.
 - b. Doc 8: Model Legislation
 - i. Morthland mentioned that the document presented was out of the scope of what our authority and objectives are. Calcaterra and Reynolds are going to update and resend the information and agreed to the Department's May 29, 2020 deadline.
- 5. Dr. Yohanna
 - a. Doc 9: Yohanna Recommendations
 - i. Dr. Yohanna introduced the information.
 - ii. Morthland expressed that DOI does not have authority over Medicaid plans and spoke to the plans that would be excluded under this statute.
 - iii. There was a request to have a video conference. Morthland mentioned that with the high volume of guests, from an operational standpoint, it would be easier to hold conference calls for the time being. Morthland apologized for any inconvenience this brings. Morthland mentioned that she will continue to provide information to all members and publicly post all information and materials to the website.

- **Adjourn**

Our next meeting will be held on June 19th from 2:00-3:00 PM.

Morthland made the deadline for any other resubmissions for May 29th, 2020 close of business.

Depending on the pandemic, Morthland mentioned that the Department might have to hold the next meeting via conference call. Morthland will know locations closer to the date. Regardless if the next meeting is in person, another call-in number will be provided for those that are unable to join in person (if we meet in person.)