



MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

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Thursday, January 9, 2014
Via teleconference
Minutes

Chairman Tanio called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners present: Falcone, Conway, Fleig, Kan, McLean, Montgomery, Peralta, Phillips

ITEM 1.

ACTION: Step Therapy Report to the General Assembly

Ben Steffen, Executive Director, presented the report and staff recommendations to the Commission. These included: standardizing step therapy grandfathering exemptions to permit patients already well managed by a drug or service to continue with that treatment without having to restart step therapy protocols; requiring payors to expand web-based preauthorization systems to accommodate step therapy transactions, such as approvals and waiver requests, by July 2015; and requiring PBMs and other third party administrators to submit claim and other information to the MCDB consistent with the requirements on other payors. A motion to submit the report was made, seconded, and approved.

ACTION: Step Therapy Report to the General Assembly is hereby APPROVED.

ITEM 2.

Legislation Affecting MHCC

Ben Steffen, Executive Director, and Erin Dorrien, Program Manager, Governmental Relations and Special Projects, reviewed SB 89 Maryland Health Care Commission- Certificate of Need- Exceptions. This bill creates an exception to the Certificate of Need requirement for a comprehensive care facility owned and operated by the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs. Commissioners requested additional information regarding the size of the planned facility, referral patterns, and whether the Charlotte Hall facility (which serves many veterans in the area) would continue to operate after the new facility is built. No action was taken regarding the legislation at that time.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.