

Green Mountain Care Board
Prescription Drug Technical Advisory Group
May 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Attendance (Group Members and GMCB)

Jill Abrams, Assistant Attorney General & Director, Consumer Protection Division, Vermont Office of the Attorney General

Nate Awrich, Director, Pharmacy Supply Chain, UVMHN

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, AHS

Emily Brown, Director of Rates and Forms, DFR

Jordan Estey, Leader, Government Affairs, MVP Health Care

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, VAHHS

Nancy Hogue, Pharm. D., Director of Pharmacy Services, DVHA

Jim Hopsicker, Sr. Leader, Health and Pharmacacy Management, MVP Health Care

Brian Murphy, Director of Pharmacy & Vendor Management, BCBSVT

Sam Peisch, Health Policy Analyst, Vermont Legal Aid

Sara Teachout, Corporate Director, Government and Media Relations, BCBSVT

Robin Lunge, Board Member, GMCB

Kevin Mullin, Chair, GMCB

Lindsay Kill, Healthcare Data & Statistical Analyst, GMCB

Christina McLaughlin, Health Policy Analyst, GMCB

Update from Out-of-Pocket Costs Subgroup and PBM Regulation Subgroup

Brian Murphy shared what the out-of-pocket subgroup has been discussing, including:

- NAIC standards for PBM practices, also known as the Arkansas Model
- Contractual protections mandated by the State around auditing
- Prohibition on pharmacy gag rules
- Impact of spread pricing
- Curtail direct and indirect renumeration (DIR) fees
- PBM taxation
- 340B claims and rebate issue

Nate Awrich shared what the PBM regulation subgroup has been discussing, including:

- Use/expand Health Vermonters program
- Look into options related to OOP maximum rules and other manufacturer assistance programs (coupons)
- Funded HSAs/HRAs (funded by whole group/company)
- Marketing campaign to encourage those eligible for Medicaid to sign up
- Enhanced wellness formulary (agreed by VT payers) to adjust cost sharing for specific drugs
- Food Pharmacy
- Pharmacist substitution on therapeutic class
- Learn why people are uninsured in Vermont

Meeting Planning

- The subgroups will continue meeting and share updates with the whole group when ready. The public should check the GMCB press releases and Prescription Drug Technical Advisory group page to find out when the next public meeting will be held.

Public Comment

None