

Green Mountain Care Board
Prescription Drug Technical Advisory Group
October 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Attendance (Group Members and GMCB)

Nate Awrich, Director, Pharmacy Supply Chain, UVMHN
Emily Brown, Director of Rates and Forms, DFR
Jordan Estey, Leader, Government Affairs, MVP Health Care
Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, VAHHS
Jeff Hochberg, Director, Smilin Steve Pharmacy Group & President of Vermont Retail Druggists
Nancy Hogue, Pharm. D., Director of Pharmacy Services, DVHA
Georgia Maheras, Esq., Vice President of Policy and Strategy, Bi-State Primary Care Association
Brian Murphy, Director of Pharmacy & Vendor Management, BCBSVT
Sam Peisch, Health Policy Analyst, Vermont Legal Aid
Robin Lunge, Board Member, GMCB
Lindsay Kill, Healthcare Data & Statistical Analyst, GMCB
Christina McLaughlin, Health Policy Analyst, GMCB

Out-of-Pocket Costs Subgroup Recommendations

Nathan Awrich presented the subgroup recommendations which included 1) options related to the Healthy Vermonters Program, 2) changing the OOP maximum rules, 3) manufacturers assistance programs (coupons), 4) creating a resource hub for patient assistance programs, 5) get Medicaid-eligible people signed up, 6) enhanced wellness formulary, 7) pharmacist substitution on therapeutic class, and 8) modify eligibility requirements for Medicare Savings Program (HCA recommendation). To view the full presentation, please visit the GMCB website [here](#).

Review Timeline & Discuss Next Steps

The group agreed to move forward with presenting the recommendations at a public Board meeting. Once reviewed by the Board, some or all recommendations will be proposed to the legislature for consideration.

Public Comment

None