

## NH Prescription Drug Affordability Board

### In-person / Remote Hybrid Meeting

May 23, 2022 10:00 AM

**NOTE:** This meeting was recorded. All related documents (and a recording of the entire meeting) are available at: [New Hampshire Prescription Drug Affordability Board | New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services \(nh.gov\)](#)

**CALL TO ORDER:** Representative Gary Merchant, Chair, opened; introductions were made.

**ATTENDING: In person:** Representative Gary Merchant, Senator Tom Sherman, Senator Cindy Rosenwald, promoted to full member for quorum, Virtually: Representative William Marsh.

A quorum was established.

**ABSENT:** Senator Sharon Carson, Representative James Murphy and Todd Fahey.

**AGENDA REVIEW:** Representative Gary Merchant reviewed the agenda with the Board.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE APRIL 25 MINUTES:** Senator Rosenwald moved to accept the minutes; seconded by Senator Tom Sherman. Motion approved via roll call.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** Representative Marsh provided the update that SB40 passed.

**DISCUSS “NEW DRUG” FOR REPORTING:** Representative Merchant discussed whether or not it is considered a new drug when a company buys a product from another company and relabels it. There was a short discussion about how to best capture the price increase of the same product when one company sells it to another and that company then increases the price. All agreed that it would be best to try to amend the Rules to reflect the requirement of a company to report the previous price of a drug when they acquired it.

**RULES UPDATE:** Robert Berry provided an update on the fiscal impact statement request; on track for June 16 Public Hearing on the initial proposal. Anticipates sometime in July for official proposal. Potential for Rules to be adopted in August. Discussed the standard Rules process.

**REVIEW DRUG EXPENSES:** Andrew Chalsma, NH DHHS Director of Data Analytics & Reporting, presented a New Hampshire Drug Utilization and Cost Summary for SFY 2020 and SFY 2021. Andrew noted that there this data does not capture any PBM agreements or rebates. The full report is available at the above linked website. The Board asked if Andrew could provide updated numbers that reflect further analysis of the data at a future meeting, to which he agreed.

**INSURANCE PRESENTATION:** Heidi Kroll, of Gallagher, Callahan and Gartrell, representing America’s Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), delivered a presentation in conjunction with Sergio Santiviago, the vice president of drug policy for AHIP. The powerpoint presentation addresses high priced drugs and the payer perspective. Some categories covered were how the healthcare dollar is spent, the medical loss ratio, what factors affect/do not affect drug prices. Full presentation available at the above linked website.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Representative Gary Merchant made an undebatable motion to adjourn.

\*Due to absence from meeting, Clerk abstained from approval, but respectfully submits for PDAB approval: Todd C. Fahey, Clerk  
Nancy T. Plourde, Recording Secretary