

NH Prescription Drug Affordability Board

In-person / Remote Hybrid Meeting

October 10, 2022 09:00 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, Representative William Marsh, Robert Woodward, Senator Tom Sherman. **Virtually:** Representative James Murphy.

A quorum was established by Representative Merchant, following the elevation of alternate to member status of Representative William Marsh and Robert Woodward; Senator Tom Sherman arrived following this action.

ABSENT: Senator Sharon Carson, Senator Cindy Rosenwald, Todd Fahey (due to technical difficulties).

AGENDA REVIEW: Representative Merchant established the meeting's purpose was to focus on the updates on the Board Rules.

UPDATE ON BOARD RULES: Allyson Raadmae clarified that the changes to be reviewed were made based upon comments on the Final Proposal by the Office of Legislative Services (OLS). Most of the changes were based on terminology, with the purpose of clearing up any ambiguity or redundancy. There was a short discussion around the issue of remote meetings; that they are not allowed. Allyson reminded the Board that this can be revisited at a later date, and that Rules are always open for revision, even after approval. The main point of the Rules discussion involved the proposed inclusion of wording as suggested by Donald Pfundstein. The final outcome, which was agreed upon by all, was to add a number 7 under Section 301.01 (e), to read as follows: *Claims databases, including but not limited to the all payors claims database, New Hampshire comprehensive health information system (NH-CHIS), all prescription drug spending whether billed under the prescription drug benefit or the medical benefit.* Representative Jess Edwards brought up the following three concerns: The fact that the Board's budget isn't set, whether or not levying taxes and fees is constitutional and the Board's methodology of pulling prescription information from a formulary. It was decided that these concerns will be addressed with Representative Merchant offline. Heidi Kroll, AHIP, brought up her concern with the wording around spending targets.

REVIEW AND APPROVE SEPTEMBER 26 MINUTES: Representative Merchant mentioned that, at the last meeting, his notes reflect a discussion about definitions for the Board's annual report. He recommended the minutes be amended to include this.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Public comments were made throughout the meeting, rather than at the designated time.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Representative Merchant, seconded by Representative William Marsh. Motion passed.

Todd Fahey, clerk, not in attendance, but respectfully submits.

Nancy T. Plourde, Recording Secretary