

November 26, 2002

**Minutes of the November 21, 2002
Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board Meeting**

Members Attending: Tim Alford, M.D., Robert Smith, M.D., Lee Ann Ramsey, RPh, Cynthia Undesser, M.D., Montez Carter, RPh, Clarence DuBose, RPh, Joe McGuffee, RPh

Members Absent: Dianna McGowan, RPh, Bob Broadus, RPh, Andrea Phillips, M.D., and John Mitchell, M.D.

Also Present:

Laura Neumann, RPh, Lew Anne Snow, RN, and Felicia Lobrano, RN – HID
Bo Bowen, Phyllis Williams and Carlis Faler, and Gay Gibson, RN - DOM

Dr. Alford called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

Approve minutes of last meeting (September 12, 2002): Robert Smith made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Montez Carter seconded the motion. All voted in favor of approval.

Reports

Generic/Default Provider ID Number: Laura Neumann gave a report regarding the use of a generic or default provider ID number when submitting pharmacy claims. Approximately 20% of all pharmacy claims filed indicates a generic/default prescribing provider. This prohibits the DUR Board from identifying the prescribing physician who should receive intervention letters. In addition, Bo Bowen distributed a Medicaid provider bulletin from October 1996 illustrating that the number of pharmacy claims filed with an unknown prescriber number has been a problem and continues to be a problem. He explained that with the use of new software, which will be implemented next year, the Division of Medicaid (DOM) would be able to match a physician's DEA number with his Medicaid provider number. Bo Bowen said that DOM could provide education to prescribing physicians and provider pharmacies about the use of the default ID number.

Recommendation: Tim Alford made a recommendation that as a short-term solution the top 10 to 20 pharmacies identified as using the generic provider number most often be sent an intervention letter, and as a long-term solution utilize software edits at the point of service until DOM has the capability of matching a physician's DEA number with his Medicaid ID number. Joe McGuffee made a motion to accept Dr. Alford's recommendation. Cynthia Undesser seconded the motion. All voted in favor of approval.

PPI Study: Laura Neumann presented a study regarding the impact of PPI prior authorization on medical costs. A copy of the report is attached.