

New York State Medicaid  
 Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board  
 Meeting Summary for December 15, 2022

The Medicaid DUR Board met on Thursday, December 15, 2022, from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

The meeting was offered for public viewing by way of:

- Empire State Plaza, Concourse Level, Albany, NY
- SUNY at Buffalo, School of Pharmacy, Buffalo, NY
- SUNY Global Center, New York, NY
- St. John Fisher University, Rochester, NY
- Live webcast

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A. Welcome and Introductions

Department of Health (DOH)

Douglas Fish – Medicaid Medical Director and DUR Board Chairperson  
 Kimberly Leonard – Medicaid Pharmacy Director  
 Monica Toohey  
 Anthony Merola  
 Robert Correia  
 Jacqueline Sexton

DUR Board Members

Participating Location

Lisa Anzisi	SUNY Global Center, New York, NY
Marla Eglowstein	Empire State Plaza, Concourse Level, Albany, NY
Phillip Fleming	SUNY Global Center, New York, NY
James Hopsicker	Empire State Plaza, Concourse Level, Albany, NY
Brock Lape	Empire State Plaza, Concourse Level, Albany, NY
Jill Lavigne	St. John Fisher University, Rochester, NY
Peter Lopatka	Empire State Plaza, Concourse Level, Albany, NY
Michael Pasquarella	Empire State Plaza, Concourse Level, Albany, NY
John Powell	Empire State Plaza, Concourse Level, Albany, NY
Asa Radix	SUNY Global Center, New York, NY
Tara Thomas	Empire State Plaza, Concourse Level, Albany, NY
Jamie Wooldridge	SUNY at Buffalo, School of Pharmacy, Buffalo, NY

SUNY at Buffalo – School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Holly Coe  
 Irene Reilly  
 Barbara Rogler  
 Alexia Sroka

B. Public Comment Period

The following speakers provided public comment to the DUR Board:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization/Affiliation</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>
Rae Ann Maxwell	Biogen	Spinraza
Denise Cody	Patient Advocate	Spinraza
Kathleen Maignan	Genentech	Evrysdi
Kathleen Maignan	Genentech	Ocrevus
Biran Patel	Bluebird Bio	Zynteglo
Craig Butler	Cooley's Anemia Foundation	Zynteglo
Craig Butler presenting for Eileen Scott	Patient Advocate	Zynteglo

C. Drug Utilization Review (DUR)

The DUR Board reviewed the drugs listed below. The DOH's recommendations to the DUR Board, including any DUR Board modifications (if noted), are as follows:

Recommendations	Commissioner's Final Determinations
<p>1. Betibeglogene autotemcel (Zynteglo)</p> <p>a) The patient is less than or equal to (<math>\leq</math>) 50 years of age. If the patient is less than (<math>&lt;</math>) 5 years of age, the patient weight must be greater than or equal to (<math>\geq</math>) 6 kg.</p> <p>b) The patient has a diagnosis of transfusion-dependent beta-thalassemia.</p> <p>c) The patient is a candidate for allogeneic hematopoietic cell transplantation, but ineligible due to the absence of a donor.</p> <p>Vote: In Favor 13 / Against 0 / Abstentions 0</p>	<p>Approved as Recommended</p>
<p>2. Nusinersen (Spinraza) and Risdiplam (Evrysdi)</p> <p>The patient must not have advanced disease (e.g., complete limb paralysis or permanent ventilation dependence).</p> <p>Vote: In Favor 13 / Against 0 / Abstentions 0</p>	<p>Approved as Recommended</p>

<p>3. Ocrelizumab (Ocrevus)</p> <p>Step Therapy:</p> <p>Trial of an agent subject to the Preferred Drug Program Multiple Sclerosis Agents therapeutic class.</p> <p>Exception for patients with a diagnosis of primary progressive multiple sclerosis (PPMS) who are ambulatory and have documented inflammatory activity.</p> <p>The DUR Board did not vote on this topic. The DUR Board requested additional utilization data inclusive of other agents indicated for Multiple Sclerosis as well as for drugs subject to the NYRx Preferred Drug Program.</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>
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D. Pharmacy Program Updates

The DUR Board was provided updates on:

1. Hepatitis C Virus – Utilization of Direct Acting Antivirals
2. Medicaid Prescriber Education Program [MPEP](#)

E. Final Comments and Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:00pm

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