

**AmeriChoice Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee Minutes**

**December 10, 2009**

**Meeting Date:** December 10, 2009

**Location:** Via conference call

**Members in Attendance:**

**Members Absent:**

**Guests:**



Agenda Item	Speaker	Discussion	Conclusions/Recommendations	Voting Totals
Meeting called to order		5:15 PM		
II. Class Reviews	D. Morgan	1) PAH  Recommendation: Addition of PA requirement to Tracleer and Revatio (AMC plans)	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	11:0
	D. Morgan	1a) Adcirca (tadalafil)  Recommendation: Categorize as Essential Drug, add as preferred with PA on the Medicaid and Medicare PDLs	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	11:0
	D. Morgan	1b) Tyvaso (treprostinil)  Recommendation: Categorize as Essential Drug, add as preferred with PA on the Medicaid and Medicare PDLs	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	10:0
	D. Morgan	2) Colony Stimulating Factors  Recommendation: Add Leukine and Neumega with PA (Unison plans)	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	11:0
III. Medicare Formulary Updates	R. Brekosky	1) The following 2009 Medicare additions / deletions were presented:  Deletion of brand Risperal Liquid - replaced by generic risperidone liquid Deletion of colchicine - non-FDA approved product Addition of Colcrys - FDA approved colchicine product Addition of Saphris with PA - six protected classes Addition of Aptivus liquid - new formulation	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation  Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	11:0
IV. Annual Formulary Ratification	R. Brekosky	1) The AmeriChoice PDLs were presented for review and ratification. Members were given the link to each PDL prior to the meeting to allow sufficient time for review.	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	11:0
V. Old Business	R. Brekosky	1) Zaleplon  Recommendation: Remove ST requirement	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	11:0
		2) Metaproterenol syrup  Recommendation: Addition to Unison plans. Maintain as preferred on AmeriChoice plans.	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	10:0
VI. Clinical Guidelines - Pharmacy	J. Bellicini	1) Rozerem	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	11:0
	J. Bellicini	2) Zymar	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	11:0
	J. Bellicini	3) Optivar	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	11:0
	J. Bellicini	4) Ciprodex	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	11:0
	J. Bellicini	5) Vimpat	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	11:0
	J. Bellicini	6) PPIs	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	11:0
	J. Bellicini	7) Revlimid	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	11:0
	J. Bellicini	8) Oral Chemotherapy	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	11:0

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VI. Clinical Guidelines - Pharmacy CONT'D	D. Morgan	9) Arcalyst	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	11:0
	D. Morgan	10) Kuvan	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	11:0
	D. Morgan	11) Xenazine	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	11:0
	D. Morgan	12) Forteo	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	11:0
	D. Morgan	13) Colony Stimulating Factors	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	11:0
	D. Morgan	14) Mozobil	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	11:0
	D. Morgan	15) PAH - Oral Agents	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	11:0
	D. Morgan	16) Lovenox	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	11:0
	D. Morgan	17) Enbrel / Humira	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	11:0
VII. Clinical Guidelines - Medical	D. Morgan	1) PAH - IV and Inhaled Agents	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	11:0
	D. Morgan	2) Amevive	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	11:0
	D. Morgan	3) Hyaluronic Acid Derivatives	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	11:0
	D. Morgan	4) IVIG	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	11:0
	D. Morgan	5) Orencia	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	11:0
	D. Morgan	6) Remicade	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	11:0
	D. Morgan	7) Somutaline Depot	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	11:0
	D. Morgan	8) Tysabri	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	10:0
	D. Morgan	9) Vivitrol	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	10:0
VIII. Medicare 2010 PA & ST Guidelines	J. Bellicini	1) Medicare 2010 Step Therapy and PA Guidelines were reviewed. These guidelines have already been reviewed, modified, and approved by CMS	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	11:0
IX. Operational Policies	R. Brekosky	1) The Operational policies for Unison and AmeriChoice were reviewed	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	11:0
X. Quality Monitoring	R. Brekosky	1) The Quality Management Reports for the 3rd quarter of 2009 were reviewed	Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept recommendation	11:0
	R. Brekosky	2) The Concurrent and Retrospective DUR Reports for the 3rd quarter of 2009 were reviewed		
	J. Bellicini	3) The grievance and appeals statistics for the 3rd quarter of 2009 for the AmeriChoice plans and the first 3 quarters of 2009 for the Unison plans were reviewed		
	S. Balog	4) The pharmacist IRR results for the 4th quarter of 2009 were reviewed		
Adjournment		6:45 PM		

Votes not totaling 11 are the result of abstentions.

**NOTE: Actions documented in these minutes document what transpired at the meeting and do not serve as notice of formulary/PDL change. All formulary/PDL changes must be approved by the Department of Public Welfare. Formulary/PDL changes are only official once approved and subsequently posted/distributed in a change notice.**