

**MARYLAND PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY STAKEHOLDER COUNCIL
VIRTUAL MEETING
Monday, August 26, 2024
Minutes**

Agenda Item 1

Call to Order:

Co-Chair Lorriane Diana called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM.

(Roll Call) Stakeholder Council Members Present:

Renee Bovellet, Shawn Brown, Angela Bryant, Steven Chen, Allison Ciborowski, Lorraine Diana, John Elliot, Jim Gutman, Deron Johnson, Greta Kessler, Barry Lipsy, Eric Morse, Marc Nicole, Hayley Park, Mandi Poplawski, Glenn Schneider, Kelly Schulz, Thea Williams

Agenda Item 2

June 24, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Co-Chair Diana asked for a motion to approve the June 24, 2024 meeting minutes as submitted. Quorum was not met at the beginning of the meeting so the approval of the minutes was delayed. Quorum was met later in the meeting; Co-Chair Nicole re-opened this agenda item after Agenda Item 4 concluded, and asked for a motion to approve the June 24, 2024 meeting minutes. Greta Kessler made the motion, which Glen Schneider seconded. One member opposed the approval of the meeting minutes. The meeting minutes were approved 17-1.

Action: Minutes APPROVED

Agenda Item 3

Opportunity for Public Comment

The PDASC received 7 written comments. Those were shared with the PDASC and posted to the website. No requests for oral public comment were received.

Agenda Item 4

Upper Payment Limit Action Plan Update and Discussion

Executive Director Andrew York gave a presentation on the Upper Payment Limit Action Plan, which was shared with the PDASC and posted on the stakeholder page of the website. Comments on the draft UPL Action Plan were due on August 26, 2024. Dr. York's presentation provided the PDASC with an overview of the UPL and Non-UPL policy process after the Board makes a preliminary determination on affordability during the cost review study process. The presentation also discussed potential changes to the cost review study process. The presentation

and discussion gave the PDASC opportunity to provide input and comment on the draft UPL action plan. The PDASC asked many questions regarding the UPL action plan, mostly around timelines, Board authority, and differences between UPL and Non-UPL policies. There were differing opinions on how quickly the Board should move forward with approving the UPL Action Plan.

Agenda Item 5

Cost Review Study Process Update

Dr. York gave a short presentation on the status of the cost review study process. This presentation is posted on the PDASC page of the website. The main purpose of this presentation was to provide information on the request for information process. There were no comments from the PDASC.

Agenda Item 6

Administrative Update

- The October 28, 2024 PDASC meeting may be rescheduled. Staff will continue to provide updates to the PDASC regarding changes to the October Meeting.
- The next Board meeting will take place virtually, Tuesday, September 10, 2024. There will be no meeting on September 23, 2024.
- All comments on the UPL Action plan are due on August 26, 2024
- Fiscal Year 2025 Fee Assessment invoices are being mailed this week. Payment will be due October 1, 2024.
- Staff follows the Maryland Open Meetings Act when drafting the minutes.
- Staff will make Board meeting recordings more visible on the Board meeting's page.

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Co-Chair's Update

Co-Chair Diana thanked everyone for their time and input and explained that staff will keep the PDASC posted on the next meeting date.

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Adjournment

Co-Chair Nicole asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Gutman made the motion which was seconded by Lorraine Diana.

Adjourned at 3:36 PM.