

PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, February 26, 2025
Minutes

AGENDA ITEM

Call to Order

Chair Van Mitchell called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

Board Members present: Van Mitchell, Gerard Anderson, Ph.D., Eberechukwu Onukwugha, MS, Ph.D., Joseph Levy, Ph.D., Stephen Rockower, MD

AGENDA ITEM 2

Approval of minutes

Chair Mitchell asked for a motion to approve the January 27, 2025 meeting minutes as submitted. Dr. Anderson made the motion, which Dr. Rockower seconded, and the Board unanimously approved the minutes.

Action: Minutes APPROVED.

AGENDA ITEM 3

Opportunity for Public Comment

No persons registered for an opportunity to provide oral public comment. There were two written comments that were shared with the Board and posted to the website.

AGENDA ITEM 4

Work Session concerning Comments Received on Proposed Regulations:

- **Proposed Amendments to COMAR 14.01.01.01 (Definitions)**
- **New COMAR 14.01.01.06 (Hearing Procedures)**
- **New COMAR 14.01.05 (Policy Review, Final Action, Upper Payment Limits)**

Executive Director York gave a robust presentation on a portion of the policy comments received on the proposed regulations that were posted in the January 10, 2025 DSD Maryland Register. Part two of the comments will be addressed at a subsequent meeting.. The regulations that were addressed include: Proposed Amendments to COMAR 14.01.01.01 (Definitions), New COMAR 14.01.01.06 (Hearing Procedures), New COMAR 14.01.05 (Policy Review, Final Action, Upper Payment Limits). The comments were sorted into themes and this presentation and recording is posted on the Board page of the website. The Board provided discussion and feedback on the comments addressed in the presentation.

AGENDA ITEM 5

Administrative Update

- Christina Shaklee provided a legislative update on HB424 Prescription Drug Affordability Board - Authority for Upper Payment Limits (Lowering Prescription Drug Costs for All Marylanders Now Act). HB424 creates a process for the Board to set upper payment limits for payers in Maryland after the Board successfully implements upper payment limits for state and local government. This bill passed the third reading on the house floor last Friday, February 21st and has crossed over to the Senate. The PDAB will continue to track this bill and other relevant legislation. PDAB budget hearings are approaching.
- The next Board meeting will take place on March 24, 2025 at 2:00PM, virtually.

AGENDA ITEM 6

Adjournment

Chair Mitchell asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Rockower made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Dr. Onukwugha.

Adjourned at 9:24 a.m.