

Connecticut Medical Assistance Pharmacy Program Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Program DUR Board Purpose



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The purpose of the Connecticut Medical Assistance DUR Board is to identify and review outliers with regard to the prescribing and dispensing of drugs by Medical Assistance providers and the use of medications by Medical Assistance recipients. The DUR Board's mission is to facilitate the appropriate and cost effective delivery of pharmaceutical care with non-biased, independent professional reviews of published literature for advisement on educational programs.

Membership

The Board membership is composed of actively practicing, independently-thinking pharmacy and medical professionals and has the responsibility to establish criteria for retrospective review of medication prescribing and dispensing to Medical Assistance recipients. Through their expertise, the board develops retrospective interventions regarding medication usage by Medical Assistance recipients. The Board's mission is to facilitate the appropriate and cost effective delivery of pharmaceutical care.

Current DUR Board Members:

Dennis J. Chapron, M.S., R.Ph.

Carol Drufva, R.Ph.

Richard Gannon, Pharm.D.

Ram Illindala, M.D.

Keith Lyke, R.Ph. (Interim Chair)

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Angela Boggs, Pharm.D.

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DUR Board Activities

The DUR Board reviews retrospective and prospective drug utilization (DUR) and initiates newsletters that address educational issues related to the prescribing and utilization of prescription drugs in Connecticut. A required annual report to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) is produced which provides a summary of the prior federal fiscal year's drug utilization review overseen by the DUR board. The Board does not address issues outside the scope of their primary purpose including prior authorization, preferred drug lists, or any prescription drug coverage issues.

Quarterly meetings are held to review issues related to the Board's primary purpose, the retrospective review of drug utilization. This site contains the meeting schedule and agenda for upcoming meetings. Reviewed and approved meeting minutes are also available from prior meetings at this website. Minutes are not official until reviewed and approved by the DUR Board.

