Introducing Connecticut Medical Assistance Program
Department of Social Services & HID

Good Health: The best prescription for controlling costs.

Health Information Designs, Inc. (HID) is pleased to be the State of Connecticut’s new partner in administering Drug Utilization Review (DUR) services for its Medicaid, ConnPACE (Connecticut Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract to the Elderly), SAGA (State Administered General Assistance), and CADAP (Connecticut AIDS Drug Assistance Program) clients. The Medicaid population now includes the state’s Husky A and Husky B clients as well.

HID is the national leader in providing DUR services to State Medicaid agencies. We pioneered DUR services in 1976, years before DUR was mandated by the federal regulations that make up OBRA 90. Our programs have become the industry standard for DUR. Then and now, HID realizes the critical need for rational drug therapy as a means to improve patient outcomes, avoid potentially adverse events, and prevent waste and needless overspending of precious healthcare dollars.

Since its inception, HID has been committed to providing the highest quality of services to its clients. Currently, HID provides DUR services to 15 State Medicaid agencies and several large commercial clients. Several of our clients, including Connecticut, have dedicated in-state clinical DUR pharmacists, all of whom are backed by the clinical pharmacists and unsurpassed technical staff at our corporate headquarters. No other vendor has our experience, clinical insight and technical knowledge with respect to DUR programs. Our DUR program automates the process of identifying those patients at greatest risk for adverse outcomes, and creates a means to alert providers with educational materials.

HID’s DUR program is based on the clinically sound, rational, evidence-based criteria we have developed over our 31 year history. To achieve this goal, HID dedicates a full-time clinical pharmacist to maintain HID’s HealthExplorer™ Analytics and Reporting System. New criteria are developed and incorporated into the criteria database as new drug entities are approved and introduced in the marketplace. When new safety concerns arise from marketed drug products, HID responds by developing new criteria to prevent negative outcomes and avoid costly adverse events. This focused clinical analysis leads to significant savings in drug and medical costs and improved patient outcomes.

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Health Information Designs works on the principle that the proper use of prescription drugs is the best way to improve the overall health of Medicaid recipients and control costs to the State.

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As of January 25, 2008, all Retrospective Drug Utilization Review (RDUR) services previously provided by ACS State Healthcare are now provided by Health Information Designs (HID). As Connecticut’s RDUR provider, HID is responsible for:

RDUR Interventions--HID views RDUR interventions as educational opportunities. Our intervention letters are non-confrontational and are designed to help providers understand that evidence-based prescribing decisions are the most effective means for improving patient outcomes and controlling pharmacy costs.

Lock-In Services--HID’s HealthExplorer Analytics and Reporting System can identify recipients who utilize multiple pharmacies, multiple prescribers, or both, and whose profiles show patterns of abuse and/or gross overuse and restrict them to one pharmacy.

Quarterly Newsletter--HID will educate prescribers and pharmacies on the latest information and updates via a quarterly newsletter prepared exclusively for the State of Connecticut.

You may access information regarding RDUR, and DUR board meetings, by going to:

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• Click on the pharmacy medication bottle
• Scroll down to the 5th panel.

HID’s RDUR services are powered by our HealthExplorer™ Analytics and Reporting System. HealthExplorer is comprised of a sophisticated and powerful relational database containing pharmaceutical and medical claims data. By identifying and addressing problematic drug (and medical) utilization, HealthExplorer enhances the efficiency and cost effectiveness of the pharmaceutical benefit. Health care is inevitably improved when evidence-based rules of therapy are used. Educating medical professionals about these rules always improves efficiency, cost effectiveness and, most importantly, results in a healthier population.

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