

Thursday, May 2nd, 2024

9:00 a.m.

**Louisiana Independent Pharmacies Association
543 Spanish Town Road
Baton Rouge, LA 70802**

Name	Committee Attendance	Attendance
M.J. Terrebonne	Pharmacist (Senate Committee on Health & Welfare)	Present
Randal Johnson	Louisiana Independent Pharmacies Association	Present
Dr. Stewart Gordon	Physician (Senate Committee on Health & Welfare)	Present
Jeff Gaude	National Association of Chain Drug Stores	Present
Pam Reed	LA Alliance of Retail Pharmacies	Present
Dr. Wanda Thomas	Physician (House Committee on Health & Welfare)	Present
Dana Antoon	Louisiana Board of Pharmacy	Present
Nikki Hollier	Louisiana Board of Pharmacy	Absent
Doug Boudreaux	Pharmacist (House Committee on Health & Welfare)	Absent
Kim Wixson	Louisiana Pharmacists Association	Absent
Zoom		Greg Poret, Oneka Watson, Monica Guerriero, Christine Dansereau, Matthew's Otterpilot, Errol, Tiffany Marshall, Jeanine Plante, Dametriss Ruffin, Kayonna Curtis, Vanessa Smith, Kyle Klitzke, Shelly Dupre, Josiah Howell, April Boyett, Jessica Elliott, Nick Lebas, C. Joseph Cloud, Collin, Dametriss Ruffin, Katie, Christina, Dr.

		Shomichael Stephenson, Robert Rock, Aurdie Bellard, Collin McQuiddy, Rachel Broussard
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- **Call to Order**
 - The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.
- **Introductions and Quorum Determination**
 - A quorum was confirmed
- **Review and approval of the March 7th meeting minutes**
 - Minutes approved by Randal Johnson and seconded by Dana Antoon
- **Magellan Single PBM**
 - Randal Johnson: Did Magellan finish the reprocessing? Two pharmacies experienced payment delays from Magellan. One was Marty McCay at Pearson Drugs and Rebecca Reed's Pharmacy. I think the department has a big announcement they made last week.
 - LDH: During the P&T Committee Meeting, Undersecretary Michael Harrington announced, the brand vs generic will be discontinued 6/30/24. Generic Revatio suspension will be preferred. Brand Revatio suspension will be non-preferred.
 - Dr. Wanda Thomas: How will providers receive the list?
 - LDH: Providers will receive the list. We emailed a list. Please pull the list up.
 - LDH: Supplemental rebate goes away now for these drugs.
 - M.J. Terrebonne: I think the communication needs to go out in the early part of June.
 - LDH: We cannot move generics to preferred status until July 1.
 - Randal Johnson: Does this cause a problem with the rebate agreement?
 - LDH: Yes
 - M.J. Terrebonne.: Do we have a timeline?
 - LDH: We will let you know about the timeline.
 - LDH: There is an independent pharmacy charging a stocking fee to Medicaid recipients. LDH Legal will send letter to have pharmacy reimburse the recipients.
- **MAC Pricing update**
 - M.J. Terrebonne: Kim reported an independent consultant reviewed the report and upper management has not made any decisions. On the iPad is a

copy of the 3 Axis report. In their findings, they found the generic cost increased early on but since moderated.

- LDH: Local pharmacy reimbursement is based on the Pharmacy FFS rate, non-local rate is based on contract. There is an issue with encounters resubmission.
- Randal Johnson: How far back do encounters go?
- LDH: The last financials were on 12/31/23. Milliman does not have encounter dates but they have a way of getting information.
- M.J. Terrebonne: No one entity has a complete set of everything. There is a delay with receiving encounters.
- Randal Johnson: Why is Magellan having problem submitting encounters?
- LDH: If the file is not setup correctly on Magellan side, Gainwell will not be able to receive the file.
- **Milliman Report Mid-Year PMPM rate adjustment**
 - M.J. Terrebonne: At the last meeting, Kim provided an update. Regarding pharmacy, the rates increased to seven percent. Last we knew this was going to CMS for approval.
 - LDH: We do know Milliman was told about brand over generic.
 - M.J. Terrebonne: We will be looking at the rate again.
 - LDH: We are working on the rates for July.
 - LDH: The report will be in draft rates not final. Milliman already set the rate for 7/1.
- **Pharmacy Budget Update**
 - LDH: no issues. The PMPM is the budget for MCOs. The pharmacy budget is fee-for-service. There is not a pharmacy budget other than fee-for-service.
- **Reports MCO Templates**
 - M.J. Terrebonne: Sue emailed the report templates. On the MCO report, how do you obtain a copy?
 - Randal Johnson: If we requested the number of Medicaid scripts filled by a particular NPI, how would we request that information from the department?
 - LDH: A public records request will need to be submitted. Staff receives the request and provides the information.
 - M.J. Terrebonne: Myers & Stauffer could pull the report. Does any report have a 12-month period? Who maintains the reports?
 - LDH: We review a rolling 12 months of data. Some of the information rolls into the transparency report.
 - LDH: We will send it to the program staff. As long as it's clear.
 - Randal: From the reports in the file, can you tell us which one?
 - M.J. Terrebonne: The last transparency report is 2021. The pharmacy information is located on page 43 and number of claims PA on page 44.
 - LDH: Magellan removing Auto PA process by tiers.

- LDH Legal continues to remind the MCOs they are well within their rights to hold Magellan on compliance issues.
- **Provider Fee Update**
 - M.J. Terrebonne: I thought you were working with Myers and Stauffer
 - LDH: M&S issued a report that you have seen. Kim said to wait until after session to do anything else.
- **Thirty-Day Supply Policy**
 - M.J. Terrebonne: I know this is coming up. I know there were some issues. I am assuming this has been fixed.
 - LDH: Thirty-day supply policy issues are fixed.
- **Pharmacy Policy Memos**
 - M.J. Terrebonne: One was addressing the compound drug coverage to the MCOs.
 - LDH: Still working on the 4/1 pharmacy policy memo. I believe there is one class where we are trying to get testing to approve.
- **Council Letter to Secretary Abraham**
 - M.J. Terrebonne: The letter was submitted to the Secretary, Undersecretary, and Drew. We have not received a response, yet.
- **Call for Public Testimony**
 - N/A
- **Other Business**
 - M.J. Terrebonne: Requesting an update on the SIN report. First quarter SIN report.
 - LDH: We were emailed regarding a new copay issue with Magellan. They fixed it yesterday. Magellan will be refunding recipients and pharmacies.
 - Randal Johnson: Is there a comparison of difference between single PBM and MCOs PBM?
 - LDH: Its easier because we are not chasing 6 PBMs
- **Adjournment**
 - Dr. Stewart Gordon made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Dana Antoon seconded the motion. The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 18th and Tuesday, July 30th.