

Tuesday, June 18th, 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
Kim Sullivan	Louisiana Department of Health	Present
Jeff Gaude	National Association of Chain Drug Stores	Zoom
Pam Reed	LA Alliance of Retail Pharmacies	Present
Dr. Wanda Thomas	Physician (House Committee on Health & Welfare)	Zoom
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	Zoom

Zoom		Greg Poret, Mary Ellen Larroque, Nima's iPhone, C. Joseph Cloud, Candace Kilesch, Christina Brown, Christine Dansereau, iPhone (31) Errol, Jeannine Murray, Jeff's iPad, Karen's iPhone, kimwixson, KYLE S_Bellingrath Pharm, Millind Sant, Tiffany Marshall, Oneka Watson, Mary Ellen Larroque, LIPA Staff, Shelly Dupre, Wanda H Thomas, Vanessa Smith, Aetna, Daisy, Kayonna Curtis, Pete Wolfe, Jr., Dan Ware
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- **Call to Order**
 - The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m.
- **Introductions and Quorum Determination**
 - A quorum was confirmed.
- **Review and approval of the May 2nd meeting minutes**
 - Dr. Stewart Gordon approved the meeting minutes and Randal Johnson seconded the motion.
- **Magellan Single PBM Update**
 - M.J. Terrebonne: Are the provider payment issues resolved?
 - LDH: We keep working through everything as it comes up.
 - Randal Johnson: Some checks that were issued did not have a routing or accounting number. They were mailed to the pharmacy and not negotiable. It takes extra time for pharmacies to fix this item and receive payment. We appreciate the fact the state is attentive to this. One new thing with Magellan in relation to audits. At some point, we need to ask for some clarity. This one can get very confusing.
 - LDH: Can you please send us this information in email?
 - Randal Johnson: Yes
- **Medicaid Pharmacy Memorandum- May 15, 2024 – Preferred Drug List**
 - Randal Johnson: If there is something the department could do such as messaging with Gainwell for the pharmacists to be aware of this and to

move the brand inventory out of there pharmacies as soon as possible. If the pharmacies can exhaust their inventory of the brand drugs.

- Emily: We asked if Pharmacy Facts could be faxed. I could submit another ticket this week or next week. I have confirmation the department sent this out to all pharmacies.
- Randal Johnson: This could be helpful if we are looking to reduce the expenditure of the pharmacy program in total. The great hope would be the pharmacies would exhaust the brand drugs.
- LDH: We were thinking about doing a retrospective brands report.
- Randal Johnson: I think all these things would be beneficial. We are doing a survey. I think what we want to do is feed this back to the department.
- LDH: We can only change the PDL every six months.

- **Milliman PMPM Projections for July 1, 2024**

- Randal Johnson: When I did speak with Kim, the plan was submitted to CMS for approval.
- M.J. Terrebonne: It will be interesting to hear. With some of the generics being preferred, what is the net result going to be as far as per-member-per-month.

- **SIN Report**

- Randal Johnson: It looks like a significant change. The total rebates reported was 228 million dollars on five million scripts for that quarter. The most recent had 1.6 million per year. Looks like a big drop. It does not appear the rebates invoice dropped with the same percentage.
- LDH: We changed it quarterly, so we can get a report every quarter. We can tell them to do a cumulative report.
- M.J. Terrebonne: We would like one at the end of the state fiscal year.
- Randal Johnson: I think it is important to look at these two together.

- **Provider Fee Report**

- LDH: I had a meeting with the pharmacy team. We are dedicating a staff person through our UNO contract to get a handle on the provider fee. Sue and the team are working with the contractor to get a job description for a person to oversee the provider fee.
- Randal Johnson: I think this is very helpful.
- Dana Antoon: We occasionally receive a letter saying we have not paid our provider fee.

- LDH: Pharmacy will have a dedicated person to do pharmacy provider fees.
- **Update on Myers and Stauffer pharmacy reimbursement recommendations**
 - LDH: We are looking with Michael. The administration is looking at doing a tier-dispensing fee. A lower amount for the chains. They want to make a designation of a rural pharmacy. We talked to Myers & Stauffer, and the last dispensing survey results does not support this. We will look again, at the dispensing fee. We are looking at changing our contract with Magellan. I am sure we will move in this direction. We would have to do a contract amendment. Please participate in the cost of dispensing survey, which will come out in July.
 - Randal: The survey is mandatory if you participate in the Medicaid program.
 - LDH: Magellan will need to get the chains to sign new contracts. All six MCOs will have to resign as well. I am sure we will move to the NADAC.
- **CMS NADAC methodology**
 - Randal Johnson: There are some current problems with the NADAC change methodology.
 - LDH: The only thing CMS changed was making drugs available for a NADAC rate. Because NADAC is voluntarily invoicing, it made it look like the rates changed based on CMS methodology. If something changed, this was due to the chain drug store supplying invoices. They probably never did this before.
 - Randal Johnson: There are rates that do not have new submissions in the survey.
 - Emily: On the Magellan website, under resources link: we did request Magellan add the NADAC review form. This is added to the Magellan website.
 - Randal Johnson: What kind of attention does the department give to the Myers & Stauffer NADAC pricing change? Did you have conversations about other states?
 - LDH: A few pharmacists copy us when they send NADAC reviews to M&S.
- **Call for Public Testimony**
 - N/A
- **Other Business**
 - N/A

- **Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. Kim Sullivan motion to adjourn and Dana Antoon seconded the motion. The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 30th.