

Meeting Summary

Alabama Medicaid Agency Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee

May 5, 2021

Members Present: Dr. Lee Carter, Dr. Kimberly Graham, Dr. Albert Holloway, Dr. Peter Hughes, Dr. Charles Nevels, Dr. Kelli Littlejohn Newman, and Dr. Melinda Rowe

Members Absent: Dr. Frances Heinze

Presenters: Dr. Rachel Bacon and Dr. Collin Jerard

Chairperson Carter called the Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee Meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. The minutes from the February 3, 2021 P&T Committee Meeting were approved with no corrections. There was no old business.

Pharmacy Program Update:

The legislative session is ongoing and is scheduled to end in May. Dr. Newman introduced the new Medicaid Medical Director, Dr. Christopher Stanley, who just began this week. Governor Kay Ivey released the state public health emergency would end on July 6; however, Medicaid is continuing to research the impact of the state versus national public health emergency expiration dates, and will notify providers when changes to the current COVID-19 related exceptions will expire. Lastly, Dr. Newman discussed future P&T meetings; we are researching if we will be able to continue to use WebEx for public meetings and will post the decision on the Agency website for the upcoming August 4, 2021 meeting.

Pharmacotherapy Class Re-reviews (Please refer to the website for full text reviews.)

University of Massachusetts Medical School Clinical Pharmacy Services presented 13 drug class re-reviews. The Anthelmintics, Aminoglycosides, Cephalosporins, Miscellaneous β -Lactam Antibiotics, Chloramphenicol, Macrolides, Penicillins, Quinolones, Sulfonamides, Tetracyclines, and Antibacterials, Miscellaneous were all last reviewed in February 2019. The Cerebral Stimulants/Agents Used for ADHD and Wakefulness Promoting Agents were last reviewed in November 2020.