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Vendor Drug Program

Pharmacy Stakeholder Meeting

Jan. 22, 2025

Agenda

- Updates:
 - Legislative
 - Policy
 - Formulary
- Open discussion



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Legislative Updates

H.B. 3286, 88th

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- Update on the new temporary non-preferred status
 - In progress
 - To go-live in Sept. 2025
 - More details to come



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89th Session

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- HB 616
 - Coverage of at-home testing kits



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Policy Updates

COVID-19

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Recent changes:

- Ended coverage of Emergency Use Authorization products: Oct. 1, 2024
- Reduced quantity limit of at-home test kits to 4 per month, TBD
- Future changes to at-home test kits to be considered
 - Continuing coverage of pharmacist ordered test kits following the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act extension



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New “Pink Book”

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- Texas Medicaid and CHIP Reference Guide
 - 15th edition now available
 - Includes extensive overview of Medicaid and CHIP and data
 - hhs.texas.gov/services/health/medicaid-chip/about-medicaid-chip/reference-guide



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Formulary Updates

New to Market Drugs

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- **Yorvipath**
 - FDA approved Aug. 12, 2024
 - Orphan and high dollar
 - Indicated for the treatment of hypoparathyroidism in adults
- **Nefly Nasal Spray**
 - FDA approved Aug. 9, 2024
 - First drug approved for treatment of anaphylaxis not by injection route



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Drug Discontinuations

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- Discontinuation of brand Xopenex inhalation solution
 - HHSC removed non-preferred status:
 - Generic levalbuterol solution



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Provisional Formulary

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- Implementation: Nov. 18, 2024
- For a drug to be considered for provisional coverage:
 - Submission of an eCOI
 - CMS rebate eligible
 - Meets the requirements for outpatient pharmacy use
- List of provisional drugs:
 - txvendordrug.com/formulary/provisional-formulary-search



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PDL Implementation

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- Publish: Jan. 30, 2025
- Preferred drug list will include:
 - DUR Board decisions
 - July, Oct. 2024



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DUR Board Meeting

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- Meeting: Jan. 31, 2025
 - John H. Winters Building
 - Public Hearing Room 125, 1st Floor
 - 701 West 51st Street, Austin, TX, 78751
- Agenda, public and written testimony forms instructions
 - txvendordrug.com/advisory/drug-utilization-review-board



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Open Discussion

Meeting Calendar



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VDP Pharmacy Stakeholder Meeting

- Next:
 - Wednesday, April 16, 2025
- Questions and comments due:
 - Friday, March 28, 2025

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