

## PERC Meeting Minutes

Date: June 27, 2007  
 Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
 Place: EDS

Attending :  
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**Distribution List: PERC Board, KHPA and EDS**

Topic	DISCUSSION	DECISION AND/OR ACTION
<b><u>Review of Minutes &amp; Introductions</u></b>	Minutes from the April 25, 2007 PERC meeting were approved as written.	Minutes approved.
<b><u>UNICARE Pharmacy Presentation</u></b>	<p>Jeaninne M. Murray, RPH with Wellpoint presented and overview of the Unicare pharmacy benefits and ongoing changes to their PDL. Jeannine introduced herself as the Pharmacy Benefit Manager and talked about the formularies and the PA process. Ms. Murray explained that the program is managed by Wellpoint next RX. Ms. Murray also assists in the implementation of clinical or disease management programs. Pharmacy Edits may be put in place for quantity and dosage limits. Non- preferred drugs would probably go through the PA process. A clinical review committee determines which medications are listed on the PDL with changes and updates occurring as often as every quarter. The committee reviews the quality and the efficacy of products before determinations are made. Any new drugs that come out on the market are put on the meeting schedule to be reviewed within 6 to 12 months and assessed for comparability. Physicians/Providers can submit their requests and suggestions with associated documentation for review of coverage. All drugs must be FDA approved. Some injectables are considered specialty items require a different type of authorization. There is a Medicaid mandatory generic policy so if a physician requests a brand name they must indicate “dispense as written”. Providers might indicate that efficacy was not achieved through other medications or lab values were not conducive to continue. They also have a “refill too soon” policy requiring prior authorization. The rule of thumb they go by is</p>	

	<p>75% of the current fill must be used before a refill is allowed.</p> <p>There is a Grievance process in place for non-timely prior authorizations. Pharmacy's can dispense a 72 hour emergency supply while the prior authorization is pending. Pharmacy staff must still contact Unicare for approval of the emergency supply.</p> <p>The PERC committee expressed the need for a universal "cheat sheet" that could be used as a reference for coverage guidelines between the MCO's</p>	
<p><b><u>Resources identified by QAT staff as presented by PERDUE</u></b></p>	<p>Jan Provost stated that the team of nurses in QA utilize the guidelines in the Kansas Medical General Assistance Manual, pages 2-46 and 2-47 for documentation requirements; the Kansas Medical Assistance Professional Services Provider Manual, benefits and limitations, pages 8-27, 8-28 and 8-29. The criteria is based on the Pain management Guideline developed by the federation of State Medical Boards of the United States Inc. and adopted by the Adult and Medical Services Commission and the QAG Business Practice Manual.</p> <p>The PERC committee reviewed the criteria made the following suggestions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.) Input something in the manual that would refer the providers to PERDUE or other resources. This could be sort of a resource list.</li> <li>2.) Pain management contracts were discussed. Wording on <b>Informed Consent</b>: It was suggested to add (underlined below) to #1 "The physician should discuss the risks and benefits of the use of controlled substances with the patient, significant other(s) or guardian <u>and this must be documented in the medical record.</u></li> <li>3.) Utilize the pain management contract created by Perdue.</li> <li>4.) Under periodic review #2, change the word opioid therapy to <u>pain therapy.</u></li> <li>5.) Add to the website a link to Perdue for more resources</li> </ol>	<p>KHPA will consider the recommendations made by the PERC committee and will respond in the October 31, 2007 meeting.</p>

<b><u>Next Meeting</u></b>	<i><u>The next meeting is scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007</u></i> Please contact Susan Wood for agenda items and questions at (785) 368-6300. Contact Jan Provost at (785) 274-4213 if you have any questions regarding these minutes.	Next Meeting

**PEER EDUCATION AND RESOURCE COUNCIL (PERC)**

**MEETING MINUTES ATTENDANCE**

**Wednesday, June 27, 2007**

**EDS/White Lakes Center, Topeka, KS**

**PERC Board:**

**Donna Sweet M.D.  
Pamela Shaw, MD-Chair  
Brandan Kennedy MD**

**Sallie Page-Goertz, ARNP  
Susan Laudert MD  
Eric Atwood DO**

**KHPA:**

**Margaret Smith M.D.  
  
John Aureli, Provider Services**

**Susan Wood RN, BSN, Managed  
Care**

**EDS:**

**Jan Provost, RN Quality Assurance  
Supervisor**

**Guests:**

**Jeannine Murray, RPH Unicare/Wellpoint next Rx  
Linda Steinke, Unicare**