



**Department of Vermont Health Access  
Pharmacy Benefits Management Program  
DUR Board Meeting  
Draft Minutes**

June 25, 2024: 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

**Board Members Present:**

Andy Miller, RPH	Anne Daly, PharmD	Douglas Franzoni, PharmD
Katharina Cahill, PharmD	Mark Pasanen, MD	Louise Rosales, APRN
Margot Kagan, Pharm D		

**Board Members Absent:**

Rima Carlson, MD	Lucy Miller, MD	Bram Starr, MD
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**DVHA Staff Present:**

Stacey Baker	Lisa Hurteau, PharmD	
Taylor Robichaud, PharmD	Michael Rapaport, MD	Ashley MacWalters

**Change Healthcare Staff Present:**

Jacquelyn Hedlund, MD	Mike Ouellette, RPh	Molly Trayah, PharmD

**Guests/Members of the Public:**

Omer Aziz , Erin Booth, Adam Bradshaw, Kristen Chopas, Adam Denman, Ronnie Depue, Susan Donnelly, Brielle Dozier, Kim Eggert, Kevin Gaffney, Paul Isikwe , Jessica Kritzman, Tim McSherry, Rick Melbye, John Meyer, Ryan Miller, Dan O'Donnell, Nimesh Patel, Shirley Quach, Laurie Ritchie, Annie Vong, Lindsey Walter, Chris Willis, Michael-Charles Tulumello

- **Executive Session**
- **Introductions and Approval of DUR Board Minutes**  
The Board voted to approve the draft proposed minutes from the previous meeting.
- **DVHA Pharmacy Administration Updates**
- **DVHA Chief Medical Officer Update**
- **Follow-up Items from Previous Meetings**
  - None at this time.
- **RetroDUR/Pro DUR**
  - None at this time.
- **Clinical Update: Drug Reviews**
  - Biosimilar Drug Reviews**
    - Simlandi® (adalimumab-ryvk)
    - Tyenne® (tocilizumab-aazg)



Recommendation: Criteria will be discussed in the Cytokine & CAM Antagonists therapeutic drug class

Board Decision:

- Approved
- Approved with modifications
- Not approved
- Deferred
- None needed

#### Full New Drug Reviews

- Voquezna® (vonoprazan)

Recommendation:

- Add Voquezna® (vonoprazan) QTY LIMIT: 20mg tablets=1 tablet/day for a max of 8 weeks then 10 mg tablets=1tablet/day for a max of 6 months to non-preferred to the Proton Pump Inhibitors PDL category.
- Add Voquezna® Dual Pack (vonoprazan, amoxicillin) QTY LIMIT: 112 caps & tabs/14 days and Voquezna® Triple Pack (vonoprazan, amoxicillin, clarithromycin) QTY LIMIT: 112 caps & tabs/14 days to non-preferred in the H. Pylori combination therapy PDL category.

Board Decision:

- Approved
- Approved with modifications
- Not approved
- Deferred

- **New Managed Therapeutic Drug Classes**

- None at this time

- **Therapeutic Drug Classes – Periodic Review**

- Antibiotics, Topical

Recommendation: No changes

Board Decision:

- Approved
- Approved with modifications
- Not approved
- Deferred
- None needed

- Antibiotics, Vaginal

Recommendation: Move Clindesse® (clindamycin vaginal cream 2%) to non-preferred

Board Decision:

- Approved
- Approved with modifications
- Not approved
- Deferred
- None needed

- Anticoagulants

Recommendation: No changes.

Board Decision:

- Approved
- Approved with modifications
- Not approved
- Deferred
- None needed

- Anticonvulsants

Recommendation:

- Add Motpoly XR™ (lacosamide ER) capsule QTY LIMIT: 100 mg capsules = 1/day, 150 mg and 200 mg capsules = 2/day to non-preferred.
- Move Tegretol XR® (carbamazepine) 200 mg and 400 mg strengths to preferred

Board Decision:

- Approved
- Approved with modifications
- Not approved
- Deferred

- Antidepressants, Other

Recommendation:

- Add Zurzuvae™ (zuranolone) capsule, FDA maximum recommended dose = 50 mg/day, Max approval of 14 days to non-preferred.
- Move Vilazodone (compare to Viibryd®) Tablet (Age ≥ 18 years) QTY LIMIT: 1 tablet/day FDA maximum recommended dose = 40 mg/day to preferred.
- Move Viibryd® (vilazodone) Tablet (Age ≥ 18 years) QTY LIMIT: 1 tablet/day FDA maximum recommended dose = 40 mg/day to non-preferred.
- Move Amoxapine to non-preferred
- Move Clomipramine to preferred

Board Decision:

- Approved
- Approved with modifications
- Not approved
- Deferred

- Antidepressants, SSRIs

Recommendation: Add Citalopram capsule QTY LIMIT: 1 capsule/day to non-preferred.

Board Decision:

- Approved
- Approved with modifications
- Not approved
- Deferred

- Anti-Parkinson's Agents

Recommendation: No changes.

Board Decision:

- Approved
- Approved with modifications
- Not approved
- Deferred
- None needed

- Cytokine & CAM Antagonists (included Bimzelx<sup>®</sup> (bimekizumab-bkzx), Zymfentra<sup>™</sup> (infliximab-dyyb)), Omvoh<sup>™</sup> (mirikizumab-mrkz), Velsipity<sup>™</sup> (etrasimod))

- Ankylosing Spondylitis

Recommendation: Add Simlandi<sup>®</sup> (adalimumab-ryvk) biosimilar to Humira<sup>®</sup> to non-preferred.

- Cryopyrin Associated Periodic Syndromes (CAPS) and Periodic Fever Syndrome (PFS)

Recommendation: No change

- Gastrointestinal- Inflammatory Bowel Disease Biologics

Recommendation:

- Add Omvoh<sup>™</sup> (mirikizumab-mrkz) QTY LIMIT: 200 mg (2ml) prefilled syringe or autoinjector/28 days after initial IV loading dose to non-preferred, Simlandi<sup>®</sup> (adalimumab-ryvk) biosimilar to Humira<sup>®</sup>, Zymfentra<sup>™</sup> (infliximab-dyyb) QTY LIMIT: 240 mg (2ml) prefilled syringe



or pen/28 days and Velsipity® (etrasimod) tablets QTY LIMIT: 1 tablet/day Maximum 30 days supply to non-preferred.

- Hidradenitis Suppurativa

Recommendation: Add Cosentyx® (secukinumab), Idacio® (adalimumab-aacf) biosimilar to Humira®, and Simlandi® (adalimumab-ryvk) biosimilar to Humira® to non-preferred.

- Psoriasis: Biologics

Recommendation: Add Bimzelx® (bimekizumab-bkzx) QTY LIMIT: 320 mg (2 syringes or autoinjectors)/28 days for the first 4 months, then 160 mg (1ml) or 320 mg (2ml)/56 days thereafter. 320 mg (2 ml)/28 days maintenance dose only permitted if patient weight > 120 kg  
Add Simlandi® (adalimumab-ryvk) biosimilar to Humira® to non-preferred.

- Rheumatoid, Juvenile & Psoriatic Arthritis: Immunomodulators

Recommendation: Update length of authorization for category to: Initial PA 3 months; 12 months thereafter. Add Simlandi® (adalimumab-ryvk) biosimilar to Humira® and Tyenne® (tocilizumab-aazg) biosimilar to Actemra® to non-preferred.

Board Decision:

- Approved
- Approved with modifications
- Not approved
- Deferred
- None needed

- Sickle Cell Anemia (included Casgevy (exagamglogene autotemcel), Lyfgenia (lovotibeglogene autotemcel))

Recommendation: Add Casgevy™ (exagamglogene autotemcel) and Lyfgenia™ (lovotibeglogene autotemcel) to non-preferred.

Board Decision:

- Approved
- Approved with modifications
- Not approved
- Deferred
- None needed

- Stimulants & Related Agents

ADHD and Narcolepsy Cataplexy Medications

Recommendation: Move FOCALIN® XR (dexmethylphenidate SR 24 HR) to preferred.

Board Decision:

- Approved
- Approved with modifications
- Not approved
- Deferred

- Vaginal Antifungals

Recommendation: No changes.

Board Decision:

- Approved
- Approved with modifications
- Not approved
- Deferred
- None needed

- **Review of Newly-Developed/Revised Criteria**

- None at this time

- **General Announcements**

- None at this time.

- **Adjourn**

9:15 pm