

Georgia Department of Community Health (GDCH)

Opportunities for Pharmaceutical Manufacturer Input on Clinical Recommendations and Clinical Management Strategies by the Drug Utilization Review Board

Clinical Information and Clinical Management Strategies relevant to the GDCH Medicaid Fee-For-Service program will be presented to the Drug Utilization Review Board (DURB) at each meeting through Catamaran by its vendor NorthStar HealthCare Consulting (NHC). Manufacturer input on recommendations is welcomed and appreciated using these opportunities.

Ongoing Opportunity:

DUR Board Meeting Process: Drugs, therapeutic classes and/or supplemental rebate classes up for review will be posted to the DCH website at <http://dch.georgia.gov> (under Providers – Pharmacy – Drug Utilization Review Board – Meeting Information) approximately 30 days prior to the Manufacturers’ Forum. Input specific to the drugs under review from manufacturers are made directly to NHC via GAMedicaid@nhc-llc.com and reported as appropriate by NHC at subsequent DURB meetings. NHC will pass relevant manufacturer-submitted electronic materials to the DURB members via a secure FTP site.

Upon review of information, and based on its expertise and discussions, the DURB makes recommendations to GDCH.

Opportunity to Appeal to GDCH:

GDCH Review Process: DURB recommendations are reviewed by GDCH for final decisions. Manufacturers may request an appeal meeting for review directly with GDCH within 10 business days following DURB meetings. **Contact: Shirmary Hodges at (404) 656-4044 or shodges@dch.ga.gov**

Presentation Opportunity:

Manufacturers’ Forum: A forum prior to each relevant DURB meeting whereby manufacturers may present:

- 1) Clinical information relevant to a new drug on the market or a drug that is part of a therapeutic or supplemental rebate class under review by the DURB at the next meeting.
- 2) Clinical information relevant to ongoing NHC/Catamaran clinical management strategies (e.g. review of drug benefit plan designs, new drugs coming to market, new drug indications, etc.) as deemed necessary by NHC/Catamaran.

Please see the Manufacturers’ Forum Announcement at <http://dch.georgia.gov> under Providers – Pharmacy – Drug Utilization Review Board – Meeting Information.

Questions not addressed in this document may be sent to NorthStar HealthCare Consulting by e-mail: GAMedicaid@nhc-llc.com