

Manufacturers' Forum
ANNOUNCEMENT
NorthStar HealthCare Consulting
Georgia Department of Community Health

On behalf of the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) and in service to the Drug Utilization Review Board (DURB), NorthStar HealthCare Consulting (NHC), in conjunction with SXC Health Solutions, announces a change in the frequency of the Manufacturers' Forum. Previously, the Manufacturers' Forum was held quarterly to correspond with the DURB's quarterly review of the Preferred Drug List (PDL). However, there has been a change in the format of the DURB meetings, which now consists of two PDL meetings and two DUR (Policy) meetings per year. As a result of this change, the Manufacturers' Forum will be held twice a year with the next Forum occurring on Thursday, February 18, 2010. If needed, meetings for the Manufacturers' Forum will also be held on an additional day.

Date: February 18, 2010 from 9am to 5pm EST

Location: Manufacturers' Forum - Georgia Department of Community Health
NorthStar HealthCare Consulting
1121 Alderman Drive
Suite 112
Alpharetta, GA 30005

Appointments: The Manufacturers' Forum is by appointment only. Manufacturers will be limited to one 30-minute presentation time segment for each drug under review, beginning on the hour or half-hour, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Those manufacturers with drugs up for review at the current DURB meeting will be granted preference when seeking appointments. All appointments must be made in writing to **GAMedicaid@nhc-llc.com**.

Guidelines for Participation:

- To ensure equitable treatment of all manufacturers, individual manufacturer participation shall be limited to one 30-minute presentation time segment per forum.
- Manufacturer presentations may be audio-recorded (for review after the forum) and the associated material information shall be presented by NHC in summary fashion at regularly scheduled DURB meetings.
- Manufacturers are encouraged to present new and existing clinical information pertinent and relevant to current NHC clinical presentations to the DURB, as posted on the DCH web-site.
- Manufacturers are encouraged to present new and existing clinical information pertinent and relevant to the current DCH drug benefit-plan designs.
- A **one-page** summary of the **presentation** should be provided 1 week prior to the presentation.

Comments and Inquiries:

- Manufacturers that do not choose to participate in the Manufacturers' Forum yet have comments related to the Georgia DCH Preferred Drug List or DURB should submit them in writing to **GAMedicaid@nhc-llc.com**.
- Manufacturer comments and inquiries relevant to DURB clinical discussions shall be presented by NHC in summary fashion at regularly scheduled DURB meetings.
- Manufacturers that do not choose to participate in the Manufacturers' Forum, yet have inquiries specifically related to DCH **drug benefit plan designs** may inquire at the address and phone number below:

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