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Pharmacy Benefits Managers Workgroup Meeting #3

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

This meeting is virtual through the Zoom Webinar platform.

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1. **Welcome** – Mary Kwei, MIA, Associate Commissioner, Market Regulation and Professional Licensing, Co-Chair
Athos Alexandrou, MDH, Director, Office of Pharmacy Services, Co-Chair
2. **Begin discussing coverage requirements for specialty drugs:** - Mary Kwei, MIA, Associate Commissioner, Market Regulation and Professional Licensing
 - a. Key factors to be considered include consumer access, affordability, patient safety, and compliance.
 - b. How should the workgroup determine which drugs are considered specialty drugs across carriers and formularies, and what those drugs have in common?
3. **Begin discussing a review of state laws concerning PBMs, specialty pharmacies, and anti-steering, and their impact on pharmacy costs in the fully insured market, including §§ 15–1611.1 and 15–1612 of the Insurance Article** - Mary Kwei, MIA, Associate Commissioner, Market Regulation and Professional Licensing
 - a. The Workgroup is requesting ideas for the best ways to measure and determine impact - public comments are welcome
4. **Comments from Workgroup Members**
5. **Comments from Public Stakeholders, as time allows**
6. **Closing Remarks** – Mary Kwei, MIA, Associate Commissioner, Market Regulation and Professional Licensing
Athos Alexandrou, MDH, Director, Office of Pharmacy Services

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