

**39-7,119. Same; medicaid drug utilization review board created; members; terms; chairperson; closed or executive meetings.** (a) There is hereby created the medicaid drug utilization review board which shall be responsible for the implementation of retrospective and prospective drug utilization programs under the Kansas medicaid program.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (i), the board shall consist of at least seven members appointed as follows:

(1) Two licensed physicians actively engaged in the practice of medicine, nominated by the Kansas medical society and appointed by the secretary of health and environment from a list of four nominees;

(2) one licensed physician actively engaged in the practice of osteopathic medicine, nominated by the Kansas association of osteopathic medicine and appointed by the secretary of health and environment from a list of four nominees;

(3) two licensed pharmacists actively engaged in the practice of pharmacy, nominated by the Kansas pharmacy association and appointed by the secretary of health and environment from a list of four nominees;

(4) one person licensed as a pharmacist and actively engaged in academic pharmacy, appointed by the secretary of health and environment from a list of four nominees provided by the university of Kansas;

(5) one licensed professional nurse actively engaged in long-term care nursing, nominated by the Kansas state nurses association and appointed by the secretary of health and environment from a list of four nominees.

(c) The secretary of health and environment may add two additional members so long as no class of professional representatives exceeds 51% of the membership.

(d) The physician and pharmacist members shall have expertise in the clinically appropriate prescribing and dispensing of outpatient drugs.

(e) The appointments to the board shall be for terms of three years. In making the appointments, the secretary of health and environment shall provide for geographic balance in the representation on the board to the extent possible. Subject to the provisions of subsection (i), members may be reappointed.

(f) The board shall elect a chairperson from among board members who shall serve a one-year term. The chairperson may serve consecutive terms.

(g) The board, in accordance with K.S.A. 75-4319, and amendments thereto, may recess for a closed or executive meeting when it is considering matters relating to identifiable patients or providers.

(h) All actions of the medicaid drug utilization review board shall be upon the affirmative vote of five members of the board and the vote of each member present when action was taken shall be recorded by roll call vote.

(i) Upon the expiration of the term of office of any member of the medicaid drug utilization review board on or after the effective date of this act and in any case of a vacancy existing in the membership position of any member of the medicaid drug utilization review board on or after the effective date of this act, a successor shall be appointed by the secretary of health and environment so that as the terms of members expire, or vacancies occur, members are appointed and the composition of the board is changed in accordance with the following and such appointment shall be made by the secretary of health and environment in the following order of priority:

(1) One member shall be a licensed pharmacist who is actively performing or who has experience performing medicaid pharmacy services for a hospital and who is nominated by the Kansas hospital association and appointed by the secretary of health and environment from a list of two or more nominees;

(2) one member shall be a licensed pharmacist who is actively performing or who has experience performing medicaid pharmacy services for a licensed adult care home and who is nominated by the state board of pharmacy and appointed by the secretary of health and environment from a list of two or more nominees;

(3) one member shall be a licensed physician who is actively engaged in the general practice of allopathic medicine and who has practice experience with the state medicaid plan and who is nominated by the Kansas medical society and appointed by the secretary of health and environment from a list of two or more nominees;

(4) one member shall be a licensed physician who is actively engaged in mental health practice providing care and treatment to persons with mental illness, who has practice experience with the state medicaid plan and who is nominated by the Kansas psychiatric society and appointed by the secretary of health and environment from a list of two or more nominees;

(5) one member shall be a licensed physician who is the medical director of a nursing facility, who has practice experience with the state medicaid plan and who is nominated by the Kansas medical society and appointed by the secretary of health and environment from a list of two or more nominees;

(6) one member shall be a licensed physician who is actively engaged in the general practice of osteopathic medicine, who has practice experience with the state medicaid plan and who is nominated by the Kansas association of osteopathic medicine and who is appointed by the secretary of health and environment from a list of two or more nominees;

(7) one member shall be a licensed pharmacist who is actively engaged in retail pharmacy, who has practice experience with the state medicaid plan and who is nominated by the state board of pharmacy and appointed by the secretary of health and environment from a list of two or more nominees;

(8) one member shall be a licensed pharmacist who is actively engaged in or who has experience in research pharmacy and who is nominated jointly by the Kansas task force for the pharmaceutical research and manufacturers association and the university of Kansas and appointed by the secretary of health and environment from a list of two or more jointly nominated persons; and

(9) one member shall be a licensed advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant actively engaged in the practice of providing the health care and treatment services such person is licensed to perform, who has practice experience with the state medicaid plan and who is nominated jointly by the Kansas state nurses' association and the Kansas academy of physician assistants and appointed by the secretary of health and environment from a list of two or more jointly nominated persons.

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