Minutes

# HBAC Work Session Minutes

November 28, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Blake Hammond at 4:30pm at 2323 Grand Ave.

## In attendance

Blake Hammond, Cathy McKay, Tanya Stark, Valerie Cohen, Vicki Bonnett, Nicholas Lenhardt, Josh Brown, Pam Bemis, Rossi Frith, Melissa Speed, Sharon Webb, Jill Burnett-Requist, Robin Reese, Matthew Rosford and Shanda Harclerode

## Wellmark Representatives presented plan opportunities for future savings

The following recommendations will be presented to Thomas Harper

**Recommendation 1:**  Implement the Exclusive Specialty Program (rebates included) requiring all specialty prescriptions be filled at CVS Specialty Pharmacy Services.

\*Estimated savings as presented to HBAC on November 28, 2018 is $2,203,853.

**Recommendation 2**:  Implement the Specialty Copay Card Program--This would be connected to recommendation 1 utilizing the CVS Specialty Copay Card.

\*Estimated savings as presented to HBAC on November 28, 2018 is $186,645

**Recommendation 3**:  Change from Blue Rx Complete to Blue Rx Value Plus

This change eliminates coverage for tier 4 drugs.

\*Estimated savings as presented to HBAC on November 28, 2018 ranges from $977,095-$1,172,515.

**Recommendation 4**:  Removal of Dispense as Written (DAW) language from the product selection penalty rule.

\*Estimated savings presented to HBAC on November 28, 2018 is $194,419-$260,559 but may change slightly due to our shift to Blue Rx Value Plus.

**Recommendation 5**:  Change co-pay structure for Alliance Select and Blue Access for non-PCP (specialist) visits

Blue Access-current co-pay for non-PCP is $10 and our recommendation is to increase to $20.

Alliance Select current co-pay for non-PCP is $15 and our recommendation is to increase to $30.

\*We recommend maintaining the current co-pay for PCP at $10 for Blue Access and $15 for Alliance Select.

\*Estimated savings for the increase in co-pay for non-PCP was not provided to HBAC at our November 28, 2018 meeting.  We need this estimated savings to be calculated by Wellmark.

**Recommendation 6**:  Specialty procedures for knee and hip, bariatric, and transplants will be done exclusively at Blue Distinction Centers.

Specialty procedures for spine, cardiac, and maternity will be incented to be done at Blue Distinction Centers.

\*Estimated savings for these Blue Distinction Center recommendations is in the range of $80,539-$177,015 as presented to HBAC on November 28, 2018.

## Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 30, 2019   
4:30-5:30pm  
2323 Grand Avenue Conference Room D