

**Tuesday, April 22, 2025**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**Louisiana Independent Pharmacies Association**  
**543 Spanish Town Road**  
**Baton Rouge, LA 70802**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Committee Attendance</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
M.J. Terrebonne	Pharmacist (House Committee on Health & Welfare)	Present
Kim Wixson	Louisiana Pharmacists Association	Zoom
Randal Johnson	Louisiana Independent Pharmacies Association	Present
Dr. Stewart Gordon	Physician (House Committee on Health & Welfare)	Present
Sue Fontenot	Louisiana Department of Health	Present
Jeff Gaudé	National Association of Chain Drug Stores	Absent
Pam Reed	LA Alliance of Retail Pharmacies	Present
Dr. Jamie Edwards	Physician (Senate Committee on Health & Welfare)	Absent
Dana Antoon	Louisiana Board of Pharmacy	Present
Lishunda Franklin	Louisiana Board of Pharmacy	Zoom
Ashley Acosta Chanove	Pharmacist (Senate Committee on Health & Welfare )	Present

Zoom		Allan Hansen, Matt Hill, LIPA Staff, Matthew Bullard, Megan Guidry, Renesha Yarbrough, Cedric Cloud, Jeanine Plante, Leslie Pittman, Macey Spicer, Sarah Perkins, John Oleksyn, Vanessa Smith ABHLA, Catie Chaucer-Aetna, Josiah Howell, Wyatt Walker Louisiana, Denise HBI, TKC, Christina Brown, Peter Wolf Jr. Dan Ware, Brandi, Tiffany Marshall- Humana, Nick Lebas, Rudy Milosevich, Robin Deshotel, Robert Rock, user

- **Call to Order**
  - The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.
- **Introductions and Quorum Determination**
  - A quorum was confirmed
- **Review and approval of the February 25, 2025 and March 27, 2025 meeting minutes**
  - Randal Johnson and Ashley Acosta Chanove approved the February and March meeting minutes.
- **LDH Response to Council Letter to Secretary regarding the draft Cost of Dispensing Survey**
  - Randal Johnson: I would like to ask that we resubmit the letter with responses to the new Secretary and Undersecretary.
- **TPL Issues**
  - Leslie: We had updated the SOC, which went into place on March 31st. We are still having ongoing meetings with Gainwell and HMS. We continue to work through issues and have ongoing sessions to ensure everything works as intended.
  - Randal Johnson: There is a new piece of legislation from Annie Spell that refers to the TPL issues. Is this something the department is working on right now?
  - LDH: There is a pay-and-chase part of prime. HMS has the TPL contract. They are overriding the TPL to allow anything to fill for seven days.

- Dr. Stewart Gordon: Is there a database that keeps all our insurance records?
- Haley: HMS has contacts in other states. Six MCOs have to ingest the TPL file. We are working on what they can rely on to process claims. It is a very complicated process. There is one source of truth coming from our LA Meds system. The state determines eligibility, and we own the system. LDH owns MEVS. Please refer to Bill 565.
- **Auto Refill Policy**
  - M.J. Terrebonne: At the last meeting, there was discussion. The auto-refill policy is on your iPad.
  - LDH: We talked to several pharmacists. We sent out the pharmacy facts to say it is not a requirement to use auto-refill.
  - M.J. Terrebonne: Do you know the impact of this?
  - LDH: This is one of the DUR questions that CMS asks. This has been approved. This goes into effect May 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Randal Johnson: If we were to publish something as part of the administrative code, does the department have a fiscal impact for a proposal of the policy changes they have
  - Emily: I can pull the last compilation of DUR reports.
  - LDH: Just as a reminder, the policy is voluntary. This is not a mandate. Twenty-seven states prohibited an auto-refill policy.
  - Randal Johnson: I think this is a good opportunity for pharmacies to dial in and share their concerns.
- **340 B Milliman Report**
  - M.J. Terrebonne: At the last meeting, we discussed 340 B. Kim shared that Milliman completed an analysis.
  - LDH: The department has nothing to share regarding the report right now.
  - M.J. Terrebonne: We can ask Kim during the May meeting and circulate the report prior to the May meeting.
- **Prime Therapeutics**
  - a. NADAC Changes**
    - M.J. Terrebonne: Is there a status report on NADAC changes between Prime and the department?
    - LDH: No update right now.
  - b. Credentialing and Recredentialing**
    - Randal: Some concerns are developing. We have a delay that is happening. We have an independent pharmacy in danger of not being able to operate. Mansfield has a high Medicaid volume in that parish. Since you switched wholesalers, they will be

removed from the program if they do not share all of their information for the fills they made last year.

- LDH: CMS has credentialing requirements for Medicaid.

- **Pharmacy reimbursement security issue update**

- M.J. Terrebonne: At the last meeting, there was discussion regarding provider payment, where payments were not received due to provider hacks
- Randal Johnson: Have we identified the total amount? Do we know the total amount due to Delta Drugs of Port Sulphur? We asked the department to be familiar with the needs. We filed a prompt payment report. This is certainly an added cost. We are pleading for Prime to make those payments. The MCOs should be aware that they should not be paying claims. I do not know which claims are involved to be on the state's PBM.
- LDH: We are meeting with Prime's executive counsel this afternoon. We will provide an update at the next meeting.

- **LDH Presentation**

- **LAHP Pharmacy Presentation**
- LDH: If you have any questions, we can answer.
- **MTM Reports**
- M.J. Terrebonne: We spoke about MTM reports at the March meeting. I emailed this to you last week. These reports are also on your iPad under 10.2. Who is doing the MTM?
- Emily Ragland: It varies by MCO.
- LDH: Most MCOs do this through a vendor.
- **DUR and POS edits**
- LDH: We meet every week with the MCO pharmacy director. DUR is an ongoing process.

- **LDH Reports**

- **Program reports**
- **Specialty Drugs**
- **SIN Report**
- The reports were reviewed.
- Dr. Stewart Gordon: I think the council needs to come up with a list of things we need to see on a monthly or quarterly basis.
- Randal Johnson: If you do not use the SIN report, what reports do you use?
- Dr. Stewart Gordon: It does not sound like there are resources to analyze regularly.

- LDH: We review monthly and quarterly reports. Most of the reports are confidential. We are doing our job. On the financial side, there is no report we get to look at. Milliman does this. We get MCO reports and we also look at MCO compliance. We review all reports.
- M.J. Terrebonne: Is a PDL information compliance report confidential?
- LDH: We did give you reports on brand over generic compliance. Could you tell us the data you are looking for? The PDL compliance report we have is by therapeutic class.
- Dr. Stewart Gordon: I think we need a subcommittee. Are we allowed as a public body for a group of us to have a small group working on the data and information we would like to see? Therefore, we can see some progress while improving outcomes.
- **Pharmacy Notifications**
  - LDH distributed pharmacy facts on April 17<sup>th</sup>. On April 17<sup>th</sup>, there was an updated pharmacy directory.
- **Call for Public Testimony**
  - N/A/
- **Other Business**
  - Dana Antoon: At the last meeting, we talked about clinical outcomes being measured by the MCOs and how pharmacists could help. Wyatt Walker from Louisiana is online. We put our heads together and Wyatt will share more information.
  - Wyatt Walker: I am a pharmacist in Livonia, Louisiana. I have worked with Mrs. Ruth and Mr. Randal on some things. There are 48 different networks in 45 states across the country. Some states are innovative. There are some things, which are already in place. Elevance Health has some programs in ten different states. They use pharmacies to help patients in these categories. The biggest thing is to understand that not all pharmacies are the same. I think this is a huge win-win for everybody involved. What will the MCOs find most beneficial, and let us build a program to meet that need.
- **Future Meeting Dates**
  - The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>
- **Adjournment**
  - The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. Ashely Acosta Chanove and Dana Antoon made the motion to adjourn.