

Name of Meeting: Pharmacy Liaison Committee  
Date of Meeting: December 19, 2025  
Length of Meeting: 10:00AM – 11:00AM  
Location of Meeting: DMAS – Conference Room A & B 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

**Committee Members:**

David Christian - Virginia Community Healthcare Association (VCHA)  
Anne Leigh Kerr - Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA)  
Derek Parvizi - Virginia Association of Chain Drug Stores ((VACDS)

**DMAS Staff:**

JoeMichael Fusco, PharmD, Pharmacy Manager  
Rachel Cain, PharmD  
Arielle Abbates, PharmD  
Brittany Snellings, CPhT

**Other Attendees:**

James Pickeral  
Cindy Warriner  
TP  
Cal Whitehead  
Otto Wachsmann

**Introductions**

The meeting started at 10:04 a.m. Dr. Cain welcomed everyone and asked the Committee members to introduce themselves.

**Charge of the Committee**

Dr. Cain gave an overview of the charge of the Committee as stated in the 2022 Appropriation Act.

The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall implement continued enhancements to the drug utilization review (DUR) program. The department shall continue the Pharmacy Liaison Committee and the DUR Board. The department shall continue to work with the Pharmacy Liaison Committee, meeting at least semi-annually, to implement initiatives for the promotion of cost-effective services delivery as may be appropriate. The department shall solicit input from the Pharmacy Liaison Committee regarding pharmacy provisions in the development and enforcement of all managed care contracts. The Pharmacy Liaison Committee shall include a Department of Medical Assistance Services Department of Medical Assistance Services Pharmacy Liaison Committee Meeting representative from the Virginia Community Healthcare Association

to represent pharmacy operations and issues at federally qualified health centers in Virginia. The department shall report on the Pharmacy Liaison Committee's and the DUR Board's activities to the Board of Medical Assistance Services and to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees and the Department of Planning and Budget no later than December 15 each year of the biennium.

### **Cost Savings Proposals from Committee Members:**

Prior to each meeting, Dr. Cain requests the members provide input via email towards agenda topics. During the meeting, there was much discussion regarding, closing of independent pharmacies, Managed Care Organizations, rebates, Pharmacy Benefit Managers, and specialty pharmacies.

### **PBM Study Overview:**

Virginia House Bill 2610 from the 2025 session requires the Department of Medical Assistance Services, by July 1, 2026, to select and contract with a third-party administrator to serve as the state pharmacy benefits manager to administer all pharmacy benefits for Medicaid recipients, including recipients enrolled in a managed care organization. The bill enumerates requirements for the Department's contract with the state pharmacy benefits manager. In addition, the bill directs the Department to engage an independent consultant to evaluate the implementation of a contract with a third-party pharmacy benefits manager pursuant to the bill.

DMAS contracted with Myers and Stauffer LC (Myers and Stauffer) to conduct a PBM Study. Myers and Stauffer:

- Provides a highly specialized team of pharmacists dedicated to advancing Medicaid and Medicare pharmacy programs through expert policy guidance and strategic benefit administration.
- Has experience supporting Medicaid single PBM design, procurement, implementation, and operations.

Jerry Dubberly, PharmD, MBA, Principal, Myers and Stauffer LC, presented an overview of the Medicaid Single PBM study to the PLC. Myers and Stauffer's PBM Study included an assessment of Virginia's Medicaid Pharmacy Program, including stakeholder engagement, review of other state Medicaid programs' PBM contracting strategies, data analysis, development of an options analysis and recommendations, and an estimated fiscal impact.

### **Other Business**

Next meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2026

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.