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To Texans interested in the statewide Drug Utilization Review Program for Medicaid:

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is accepting applications for membership on the Drug Utilization Review Board. The board develops and reviews recommendations for drug use criteria, prior authorization criteria and retrospective educational intervention proposals. The board also develops preferred drug list recommendations with the consideration of the clinical efficacy, safety and cost-effectiveness of any program benefit association with the drug product.

The board must seek input from the physicians and pharmacists who serve the Medicaid population as well as client advocates representing the Medicaid population on these issues to produce formal recommendations to HHSC on continued operation of a federally compliant DUR Medicaid pharmacy program and comprehensive Preferred Drug List.

The HHS executive commissioner will appoint members to the board to serve a term expiring Aug. 31, 2025. Currently, HHSC is seeking representatives from the following categories:

- Pharmacist who is actively practicing and licensed in Texas and provides services for the Texas Medicaid population (representing Texas Medicaid managed care organization)
- Pharmacist who is actively practicing and licensed in Texas and provides services for the Texas Medicaid population (**not** representing Texas Medicaid managed care organization)
- Pediatrician who is actively practicing and licensed in Texas and provides services for the Texas Medicaid population (not representing Texas Medicaid managed care organization)

A board member must regularly participate in board meetings and may also have to participate in projects and presentations. Board meetings will be held in Austin about once every three to four months or at the call of the presiding officer. *To the extent permitted by the current state budget, a board member may be repaid for*

*their travel expenses to and from meetings if money is available and in accordance with the HHSC Travel Policy.*

If you would like to apply to serve on the board, please complete and return the attached application and Form 1349, Drug Utilization Review Board Annual Disclosure by **Sept. 15**. Individuals who have submitted applications within the last year do not need to reapply. It is preferred that you submit your application electronically, but you may submit the application by email, mail or fax. [Form 1349](#) should be submitted by email. Here are the addresses:

Email:

[HHS\\_Appointments@hhs.texas.gov](mailto:HHS_Appointments@hhs.texas.gov)

Attn: DURB

Mail:

Texas Health and Human Services Commission

P.O. Box 13247, Mail Code 0223

Austin, TX 78711

Attn: Susanna Sparkman

Fax:

512-206-3984

Attn: DURB

HHSC will notify applicants if they have been selected to serve as a member of the Drug Utilization Review Board.

In selecting members to serve on the board, HHSC considers the applicants' qualifications, background and interest in serving on the board. HHSC tries to choose board members who represent the diversity of all Texans. For that reason, HHSC considers applicants' ethnicity, gender and geographic location.

For more information about the board, [visit the board website](#) or contact Maribel O. Castoreno at [VDP-Advisory@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:VDP-Advisory@hhsc.state.tx.us).

For more information about applying to be on the board, or for Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations, email Susanna Sparkman at [HHS\\_Appointments@hhs.texas.gov](mailto:HHS_Appointments@hhs.texas.gov) or call 512-438-2897.