

Specialty Pharmacy/Drug Guiding Coalition

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Purpose

The purpose of the Specialty Drug Guiding Coalition is to provide multi-stakeholder input, insight, and guidance to employers to ensure their success in achieving specific goals that address challenges related to the rising cost of specialty drugs.

Vision

Employers will lead the change in the pharmaceutical landscape to meet their needs and those of their members, the people who write the check for health care. Employer participants of the MN Health Action Group Specialty Pharmacy Learning and Action Network are now ready to engage with five key supply chain stakeholders to pursue four specific goals for each stakeholder.

Engagement includes 1) hearing all perspectives, 2) refining goals, 3) identifying measurable indicators of progress towards those goals, 4) gathering data on vendor performance related to those goals and 5) comparing performance of vendors on scorecards. Change will occur from increased transparency and accountability to meet these goals and from shining a spot light on vendor performance related to these goals.

Role of Guiding Coalition

Guiding Coalition members play an important role in addressing purchasers' challenges in the following ways. They:

- Create a forum that brings together varied, industry/stakeholder perspectives, knowledge, relationships, expertise and commitment to pursue employers' goals
- Support collaboration among stakeholders to support these goals
- Offer ideas and perspectives to ensure the program achieves the employers' goals, increases transparency of critical information, and remains relevant and accountable to employers
- Serve as an advocate for the employer and consumer perspectives and goals in the local community, nationally, and with all other supply chain stakeholders

Approach and Tasks

- Key members will meet six times in the first year to address the 20 specific prioritized goals (4 goals for 5 stakeholders)
- Meetings will include refining goals, developing measures, gathering data on performance, and comparing
- MN Health Action Group staff and consultants:
 - Will gather information from individual stakeholders and expert advisors between meetings in order to develop specific recommendations and pursue follow up action items
 - Will conduct follow up activities and recommendations

Member Expectations and Responsibilities

It is expected that Guiding Coalition members will:

- Be informed about the current issues and developments in specialty drug management in Minnesota, nationally and internationally
- Attend and actively contribute practical and innovative guidance in all Guiding Coalition meetings
- Demonstrate support for the goals through promotion and education within their organizations and to other stakeholders
- Embrace the values of The Minnesota Health Action Group, including innovation, collaboration and engagement

Employers' Role

- Members of the MN Health Action Group's Specialty Pharmacy/Drug Learning and Action Network are invited to attend all meetings
- The Guiding Coalition's activities and progress will be communicated to:
 - The Pacific Business Group on Health (PBGH) who has adopted Minnesota's goals and will support progress towards these goals
 - Catalyst for Payment Reform (CPR), a national employer coalition, who's related activities may provide national support and synergy
 - National Business Coalition on Health (NBCH) and its interested member coalitions

Structure and Membership (Names of nominees are attached)

The Guiding Coalition includes:

- Purchasers in the MN Health Action Group's Specialty Pharmacy/Drug Learning and Action Network
- Representatives of each of the 5 stakeholders
 - Health plans
 - Health care providers
 - PBMs
 - Specialty pharmacies
 - Manufacturers.
- At large members
- Expert advisors

General requirements

- Represent an organization described above and be qualified through professional credentials or responsibilities
- Agree to fulfill the expectations and responsibilities outlined above
- Agree to serve for one year
- Membership should not exceed 20 members plus an unlimited number of employers
- If necessary, vacancies will be filled by individuals selected by the Action Group staff and employer members
- Members serve in an advisory capacity and do not have decision making authority
- One of the Champions of Change may be designated as the Chair person, with the following responsibilities:
 - Preside over and facilitate Guiding Coalition meetings, partnering with The Action Group staff
 - Serve as an advisor to The Action Group staff on matters related to the Guiding Coalition
 - Serve as a spokesperson and representative of the Champions of Change

Agendas and Meetings

The Guiding Coalition will meet every two months, or with such other frequency as determined by the membership. Meetings will be convened by The Action Group. Materials will be distributed sufficiently in advance of meetings, and the proceedings of the meetings will be documented in minutes. In addition to members, invited guests may attend the meetings.

As appropriate, the Champions of Change may meet separately on one or more occasion during the year to discuss matters and make decisions related to the financial aspects of the program.

Attachments

Roster of nominees for membership



Guiding Coalition Participant Nominations (Select 2 from each stakeholder group)

Health Plan

- Blue Cross Blue Shield – Pete Wickersham (Diane Pozdolski)¹
- HealthPartners – Rick Bruzek, Kevin Ronneberg MD (Calvin Allen)
- Medica – James Hartert, MD, Jana Johnson (Deb Knutson, Robert Brown)
- PreferredOne – Howard Epstein MD, Al Heaton (Michael Phillips, Pete Roverud)

Provider

- Allina – Ann Byre (Steve Wallner)
- Fairview – Bob Beacher, Kyle Skiermont (Rene' Coult-Calendine)
- HealthPartners – Scott Schnuckle (Calvin Allen, Todd Mestad)
- Minnesota Gastroenterology – Scott Ketover MD (Lisa Belak)
- Park Nicollet – Jeff Rotschafer (Sherry Frederick)
- UMP Oncology- Ed Greeno MD

PBM

- CVS - TBD
- Navitus – Alan VanAmber
- OptumRx - TBD
- PrimeTherapeutics – Cory Super

Specialty Pharmacy

- Diplomat – Atheer Kaddis
- Fairview Specialty Pharmacy – Kyle Skiermont, Kari Amundson
- Lumicera – Laura Jester
- OptumRx – Mark Johnson

Manufacturer

- Abbvie – Chris Compisi, Suzanne Goot (Bob Grundman)
- AstraZeneca – (Doug Hodgen)
- Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals – (Terry Ahlers)
- Merck & Company – (Paulette Lewis)
- Sanofi – (Glen Beers, Russell Budin)

At Larger Members

- Health Information Design - Chris Rofidal
- MN Department of Human Services – Dave Hoang (Nathan Moracco)

Expert Advisors

- Steve Schondelmeyer
- Blthia Fikr

¹ MN Health Action Group member representatives in parenthesis()



