



Ohio Sunset Review Committee
Agency Questionnaire

Agency Name Ohio Department of Medicaid (Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee)

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Agency's primary purpose and its various goals and objectives

The Ohio Department of Medicaid Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee's primary purpose is maintaining the Ohio Medicaid Unified Preferred Drug List, which is the comprehensive listing of all preferred and nonpreferred medications for the Medicaid program. This list is used by prescribers, pharmacies, and Medicaid members for determining Ohio Medicaid's coverage policies for various medications. Additionally, the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee evaluates many new drugs to market, with the goal of recommending coverage policies for those medications.

Agency's past and anticipated workload, number of staff required to complete workload, and total number of staff

Members of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee are appointed by the Medicaid Director and shall consist of three (3) pharmacists, two (2) doctors of medicine, two (2) doctors of osteopathy, one (1) registered nurse, one (1) pharmacologist, and one (1) psychiatrist.

The Committee additionally requires ODM support of approximately 0.3 FTE and additional vendor support to hold public meetings and carry out the recommendations of the Committee. These activities support the entire Ohio Medicaid Pharmacy Program, which represents approximately 5 billion dollars of annual drug spend. Public Meetings of the Committee are held quarterly.

Agency's past and anticipated budgets and its sources of funding

Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee members serve on a volunteer basis and do not receive compensation for their service.

ODM support staff are employed by the State of Ohio and perform many other necessary functions in addition to providing administrative support and oversight to the Committee.

ODM's Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee vendor, which is tasked with coordinating meetings, providing clinical content and expert testimony, and publishing meeting materials, performs services for a total contract amount of approximately 3.4 million dollars (SFY 2024), though the P&T Committee support functions are a fraction of this total amount, which also includes drug rebate administration and other clinical and reporting work.

Number of members of its governing board or other governing entity and their compensation, if any

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Additional notes

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