

Division of Workers' Compensation Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee

January 18, 2023
12:30pm to 2:30pm



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Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions**

George Parisotto, Administrative Director, DWC

- **Approval of Minutes from the July 20, 2022 Meeting**

Dr. Raymond Meister, Executive Medical Director, DWC

- **Discussion:**

- Inflation Reduction Act - *Kevin Gorospe Pharm D, DWC Consultant*
- Artificial Tears - *Kevin Gorospe*
- Topical Analgesics - *Kevin Gorospe*
- Topical Lidocaine – *Dr. Raymond Meister and Kevin Gorospe*
- MTUS Listings – Categories - *Kevin Gorospe Pharm D, DWC Consultant*

- **Additional Public Comments**

- **Review of Committee Recommendations**

- **Adjourn**

Welcome and Introductions

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Administrative Director, DWC

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Raymond Meister

Executive Medical Director, DWC

Inflation Reduction Act

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Drug Pricing

- Medicare
 - Negotiated drug prices small number of drugs (prices effective 2026)
 - Inflation based rebates
 - Cap in out-of-pocket Part D spending
 - Insulin cost sharing limited to \$35/month
 - Eliminate Part D vaccine cost sharing
 - Expanded low-income subsidy in Part D
- Medicaid
 - Must cover all ACIP recommended vaccines for adults
- No direct impact on workers compensation program
- Unclear if capping Medicare drug costs will affect other health sector costs

Artificial Tears Utilization

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Artificial Tears

- Continuation of discussion from last P&T meeting
- Committee asked for pricing to be rolled up into RxCUIs
- Process
 - Used same list of NDCs used to generate reports for July meeting
 - Obsolete NDCs and NDCs that do not have current effective prices in reference pricing file were excluded
 - Current Medi-Cal maximum allowed price obtained for each NDC obtained
 - RxCUI values were obtained for each NDC; NDCs without current RxCUIs or marked obsolete/invalid in RxNAV were excluded
 - Products were separated into
 - Solutions (all including preservative free)
 - Solutions preservative free only
 - Gels

Artificial Tears (all solutions) by RxCUI

RxCUI	RxCUI Concept Name	Dosage Form	Number of Unique NDCs	Average Price/Unit	Max Price	Min Price
1188426	carboxymethylcellulose sodium 5 MG/ML Ophthalmic Solution	Solution	8	0.37617	0.52600	0.30222
1041798	propylene glycol 6 MG/ML Ophthalmic Solution	Solution	7	0.79289	1.28840	0.13933
1100650	carboxymethylcellulose sodium 5 MG/ML / glycerin 9 MG/ML Ophthalmic Solution	Solution	7	0.61462	1.15900	0.28233
1188426	carboxymethylcellulose sodium 5 MG/ML Ophthalmic Solution	Solution	25	0.20275	0.20594	0.19456
1241471	carboxymethylcellulose sodium 5 MG/ML / glycerin 10 MG/ML / polysorbate 80 5 MG/ML Ophthalmic Solution	Solution	7	0.59944	0.97500	0.36366
142004	polyvinyl alcohol 0.014 ML/ML Ophthalmic Solution	Solution	3	0.40625	0.54866	0.33505
1547940	carboxymethylcellulose sodium 7 MG/ML Ophthalmic Solution	Solution	1	0.29733	0.29733	0.29733
1547948	carboxymethylcellulose sodium 2.5 MG/ML Ophthalmic Solution	Solution	6	0.37055	0.50333	0.27533
1718952	carboxymethylcellulose sodium 10 MG/ML Ophthalmic Solution	Solution	2	0.10200	0.11133	0.09266
2360899	polyethylene glycol 400 10 MG/ML Ophthalmic Solution	Solution	2	0.30800	0.35200	0.26400
259581	glycerin 2 MG/ML / hypromellose 2 MG/ML / polyethylene glycol 400 10 MG/ML Ophthalmic Solution	Solution	5	0.13293	0.14600	0.11333
309714	dextran 70 1 MG/ML / hypromellose 3 MG/ML Ophthalmic Solution	Solution	3	0.33645	0.42000	0.27869
310933	hypromellose 3 MG/ML Ophthalmic Solution	Solution	4	0.75683	1.09500	0.36666
359969	polyvinyl alcohol 0.014 ML/ML / povidone 6 MG/ML Ophthalmic Solution	Solution	2	0.28272	0.30243	0.26300
477589	polyethylene glycol 400 4 MG/ML / propylene glycol 3 MG/ML Ophthalmic Solution	Solution	18	0.41272	0.98589	0.22866
598050	polyvinyl alcohol 0.005 ML/ML / povidone 6 MG/ML Ophthalmic Solution	Solution	6	0.15639	0.34866	0.08066
630977	polyvinyl alcohol 27 MG/ML / povidone 20 MG/ML Ophthalmic Solution	Solution	1	2.88100	2.88100	2.88100
853238	polyethylene glycol 400 2.5 MG/ML Ophthalmic Solution	Solution	3	0.56578	0.80400	0.35733
900138	dextran 70 1 MG/ML / glycerin 2 MG/ML / hypromellose 3 MG/ML Ophthalmic Solution	Solution	1	0.44148	0.44148	0.44148
996033	glycerin 2 MG/ML / hypromellose 3.6 MG/ML / polyethylene glycol 400 10 MG/ML Ophthalmic Solution	Solution	1	0.46933	0.46933	0.46933

Artificial Tears Solutions – Preservative Free by RxCUI

RxCUI	RxCUI Concept Name	Dosage Form	Number of Unique NDCs	Average Price/Unit	Max Price	Min Price
1100650	carboxymethylcellulose sodium 5 MG/ML / glycerin 9 MG/ML Ophthalmic Solution	Solution	4	0.54508	1.15900	0.28233
1241471	carboxymethylcellulose sodium 5 MG/ML / glycerin 10 MG/ML / polysorbate 80 5 MG/ML Ophthalmic Solution	Solution	4	0.37740	0.40926	0.36366
309714	dextran 70 1 MG/ML / hypromellose 3 MG/ML Ophthalmic Solution	Solution	3	0.33645	0.42000	0.27869
310933	hypromellose 3 MG/ML Ophthalmic Solution	Solution	4	0.75683	1.09500	0.36666
359969	polyvinyl alcohol 0.014 ML/ML / povidone 6 MG/ML Ophthalmic Solution	Solution	2	0.28272	0.30243	0.26300
477589	polyethylene glycol 400 4 MG/ML / propylene glycol 3 MG/ML Ophthalmic Solution	Solution	5	0.32093	0.42258	0.25066

Artificial Tears Gels by RxCUI

RxCUI	RxCUI Concept Name	Dosage Form	Number of Unique NDCs	Average Price/Unit	Max Price	Min Price
1726416	carboxymethylcellulose sodium 0.01 MG/MG / glycerin 0.009 MG/MG Ophthalmic Gel	Gel	1	0.99900	0.99900	0.99900
310932	hypromellose 0.003 MG/MG Ophthalmic Gel	Gel	2	0.74136	0.74136	0.74136
579907	carboxymethylcellulose sodium 0.01 MG/MG Ophthalmic Gel	Gel	5	0.39293	0.52600	0.27533
895753	polyethylene glycol 400 0.004 MG/MG / propylene glycol 0.003 MG/MG Ophthalmic Gel	Gel	2	0.64760	0.64760	0.64760

Committee Discussion

Public Comments

Topical Analgesics

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Topical Analgesics

- Continuation of discussion from last P&T meeting
- Committee asked for pricing to be rolled up into RxCUIs
- Process
 - NDCs identified in the therapeutic category of Topical Analgesics
 - Obsolete NDCs and NDCs that do not have current effective prices in reference pricing file were excluded
 - Current Medi-Cal maximum allowed price obtained for each NDC obtained
 - RxCUI values were obtained for each NDC; NDCs without current RxCUIs or marked obsolete/invalid in RxNAV were excluded
 - Products were separated into
 - Multi-ingredient (including capsaicin)
 - Capsaicin only
 - Lidocaine and Lidocaine (next discussion topic)

Multidrug Topical Analgesics by RxCUI

RxCUI	RxCUI Concept Name	Dosage Form	Number of Unique NDCs	Average Price/Unit	Max Price	Min Price
1095682	capsaicin 0.35 MG/ML / menthol 50 MG/ML / methyl salicylate 200 MG/ML Topical Cream	Cream	1	3.28333	3.28333	3.28333
1099896	capsaicin 0.375 MG/ML / menthol 50 MG/ML / methyl salicylate 200 MG/ML Topical Cream	Cream	2	3.61879	4.03758	3.20000
1148430	menthol 40 MG/ML Topical Cream	Cream	2	2.76292	2.81349	2.71234
1422561	capsaicin 0.35 MG/ML / lidocaine 20 MG/ML / menthol 50 MG/ML / methyl salicylate 200 MG/ML Topical Cream	Cream	4	3.30417	3.30833	3.30000
1442261	menthol 30 MG/ML Topical Cream	Cream	2	0.22460	0.22460	0.22460
1486874	menthol 30 MG/ML / methyl salicylate 100 MG/ML Topical Cream	Cream	1	2.72194	2.72194	2.72194
1541083	capsaicin 0.35 MG/ML / menthol 100 MG/ML / methyl salicylate 250 MG/ML Topical Cream	Cream	1	0.20833	0.20833	0.20833
1039731	camphor 0.04 MG/MG / menthol 0.1 MG/MG Topical Gel	Gel	1	10.88235	10.88235	10.88235
1116730	camphor 0.04 MG/MG / menthol 0.1 MG/MG / methyl salicylate 0.3 MG/MG Topical Gel	Gel	1	7.30776	7.30776	7.30776
1425325	camphor 0.031 MG/MG / menthol 0.1 MG/MG / methyl salicylate 0.15 MG/MG Topical Gel	Gel	1	0.07602	0.07602	0.07602
1730277	methyl salicylate 0.2 MG/MG Topical Gel	Gel	2	0.05882	0.05882	0.05882
1085721	menthol 50 MG/ML / methyl salicylate 140 MG/ML Topical Lotion	Lotion	1	0.09628	0.09628	0.09628
1093359	menthol 125 MG/ML / methyl salicylate 62.5 MG/ML Topical Lotion	Lotion	1	2.54166	2.54166	2.54166
1116967	capsaicin 0.25 MG/ML / menthol 100 MG/ML / methyl salicylate 300 MG/ML Topical Lotion	Lotion	4	3.22500	3.22500	3.22500
1119597	capsaicin 0.02 MG/ML / menthol 100 MG/ML / methyl salicylate 200 MG/ML Topical Lotion	Lotion	1	2.86108	2.86108	2.86108
1372464	capsaicin 0.25 MG/ML / menthol 100 MG/ML / methyl salicylate 250 MG/ML Topical Lotion	Lotion	4	3.29542	3.38250	3.12500
1050087	camphor 0.01 MG/MG / menthol 0.0054 MG/MG / petrolatum 0.98 MG/MG Topical Ointment	Ointment	2	0.27588	0.33117	0.22058
1601095	capsaicin 0.000325 MG/MG / lidocaine hydrochloride 0.04 MG/MG / menthol 0.1 MG/MG / methyl salicylate 0.275 MG/MG Topical Ointment	Ointment	1	3.34520	3.34520	3.34520
1010823	menthol 0.075 MG/MG Medicated Patch	Patch	1	0.97800	0.97800	0.97800
1053397	methyl salicylate 0.1 MG/MG Medicated Patch	Patch	1	41.41700	41.41700	41.41700
1300889	capsaicin 0.000375 MG/MG / menthol 0.05 MG/MG Medicated Patch	Patch	2	14.14733	19.96133	8.33333
1356803	capsaicin 0.00035 MG/MG / lidocaine hydrochloride 0.005 MG/MG / menthol 0.05 MG/MG / methyl salicylate 0.2 MG/MG Medicated Patch	Patch	2	30.00000	30.00000	30.00000
1552450	capsaicin 0.0005 MG/MG / menthol 0.05 MG/MG Medicated Patch	Patch	2	0.98866	0.98866	0.98866
1599652	capsaicin 0.0003 MG/MG / menthol 0.05 MG/MG Medicated Patch	Patch	1	47.84000	47.84000	47.84000
1658663	capsaicin 0.000225 MG/MG / menthol 0.045 MG/MG Medicated Patch	Patch	2	39.87766	39.88866	39.86666
1101083	menthol 30 MG/ML / methyl salicylate 100 MG/ML Topical Spray	Spray	1	0.05025	0.05025	0.05025
1489073	menthol 105 MG/ML Topical Spray	Spray	1	0.07905	0.07905	0.07905

Capsaicin Only by RxCUI

RxCUI	RxCUI Concept Name	Dosage Form	Number of Unique NDCs	Average Price/Unit	Max Price	Min Price
141868	capsaicin 0.75 MG/ML Topical Cream	Cream	1	0.07983	0.07983	0.07983
646333	capsaicin 1 MG/ML Topical Cream	Cream	6	1.19438	5.91666	0.20470

RxCUI	RxCUI Concept Name	Dosage Form	Number of Unique NDCs	Average Price/Unit	Max Price	Min Price
1039679	capsaicin 0.08 MG/MG Medicated Patch	Kit	3	2033.09667	3485.31000	871.33000
1043399	capsaicin 0.00025 MG/MG Medicated Patch	Patch	4	31.34575	43.83300	1.05000

Committee Discussion

Public Comments

Topical Lidocaine Products

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Lidocaine

- Question regarding Lidocaine becoming exempt (Dr. Meister)
 - ACOEM role
 - Exempt review and decision process
- Lidocaine products alone or in combination aggregated by RxCUI

Lidocaine Only by RxCUI

RxCUI	RxCUI Concept Name	Dosage Form	Number of Unique NDCs	Average Price/Unit	Max Price	Min Price
1010835	lidocaine hydrochloride 30 MG/ML Topical Cream	Cream	9	1.30806	4.67058	0.50374
1010895	lidocaine hydrochloride 40 MG/ML Topical Cream	Cream	11	1.23331	3.32203	0.04728
1421893	lidocaine 40 MG/ML Topical Cream	Cream	24	105.00136	2376.98000	0.38266
1432482	lidocaine hydrochloride 20 MG/ML Topical Cream	Cream	1	2.70381	2.70381	2.70381
1534792	lidocaine 50 MG/ML Topical Cream	Cream	1	0.77300	0.77300	0.77300
1593733	lidocaine hydrochloride 32.5 MG/ML Topical Cream	Cream	1	24.91535	24.91535	24.91535
1600130	lidocaine hydrochloride 37.5 MG/ML Topical Cream	Cream	1	18.01666	18.01666	18.01666
1723991	lidocaine hydrochloride 38.8 MG/ML Topical Cream	Cream	1	13.22129	13.22129	13.22129
1009433	lidocaine hydrochloride 0.025 MG/MG Topical Gel	Gel	1	0.04661	0.04661	0.04661
1010077	lidocaine hydrochloride 0.04 MG/MG Topical Gel	Gel	5	6.05466	9.09466	0.08333
1011852	lidocaine hydrochloride 0.02 MG/MG Topical Gel	Gel	2	0.35929	0.55000	0.16858
1291672	lidocaine 0.04 MG/MG Topical Gel	Gel	3	0.36465	0.43666	0.23230
1372891	lidocaine hydrochloride 0.03 MG/MG Topical Gel	Gel	3	7.59755	7.59800	7.59733
2562183	lidocaine hydrochloride 0.028 MG/MG Topical Gel	Gel	1	15.16000	15.16000	15.16000
1010836	lidocaine hydrochloride 30 MG/ML Topical Lotion	Lotion	5	12.86471	13.95000	11.28813
1543712	lidocaine hydrochloride 10 MG/ML Topical Lotion	Lotion	1	0.21666	0.21666	0.21666
1811470	lidocaine hydrochloride 27.5 MG/ML Topical Lotion	Lotion	2	5.71667	5.93333	5.50000
1543069	lidocaine 0.05 MG/MG Topical Ointment	Ointment	40	41.83845	1575.00000	0.11512
1012994	lidocaine hydrochloride 0.04 MG/MG Medicated Patch	Patch	1	1.08866	1.08866	1.08866
1737778	lidocaine 0.04 MG/MG Medicated Patch	Patch	20	9.56098	49.47066	0.89200
1745091	lidocaine 0.05 MG/MG Medicated Patch	Patch	20	8.09817	45.45454	1.87716
2001434	lidocaine 0.018 MG/MG Medicated Patch	Patch	2	9.79741	9.79741	9.79741
2199665	lidocaine 0.035 MG/MG Medicated Patch	Patch	2	47.16683	47.16700	47.16666
1010878	lidocaine hydrochloride 40 MG/ML Mucous Membrane Topical Solution	Solution	1	6.87000	6.87000	6.87000
1010769	lidocaine hydrochloride 20 MG/ML Topical Spray	Spray	6	6.47996	37.80444	0.03807
1045432	lidocaine hydrochloride 40 MG/ML Topical Spray	Spray	1	0.06153	0.06153	0.06153
1442274	lidocaine 5 MG/ML Topical Spray	Spray	4	0.02791	0.03622	0.02188

Lidocaine in Combination by RxCUI

RxCUI	RxCUI Concept Name	Dosage Form	Number of Unique NDCs	Average Price/Unit	Max Price	Min Price
197877	lidocaine 25 MG/ML / prilocaine 25 MG/ML Topical Cream	Cream	6	0.74483	1.24616	0.49416
197877	lidocaine 25 MG/ML / prilocaine 25 MG/ML Topical Cream	Cream	17	1810.83294	3840.00000	41.32000
687443	lidocaine 70 MG/ML / tetracaine 70 MG/ML Topical Cream	Cream	5	32.34159	39.21566	8.22766
1012100	benzalkonium chloride 1.3 MG/ML / lidocaine hydrochloride 5 MG/ML Topical Cream	Cream	1	0.13480	0.13480	0.13480
1595624	lidocaine hydrochloride 40 MG/ML / menthol 10 MG/ML Topical Cream	Cream	4	5.70273	13.87183	0.07372
1595784	benzocaine 20 MG/ML / capsaicin 0.35 MG/ML / lidocaine 20 MG/ML / methyl salicylate 100 MG/ML Topical Cream	Cream	1	20.49916	20.49916	20.49916
1926513	benzyl alcohol 0.1 ML/ML / lidocaine hydrochloride 40 MG/ML Topical Cream	Cream	1	0.08729	0.08729	0.08729
1804176	lidocaine 0.04 MG/MG / menthol 0.01 MG/MG Topical Gel	Gel	1	3.29858	3.29858	3.29858
2199317	lidocaine 35 MG/ML / menthol 70 MG/ML Topical Lotion	Lotion	1	6.73608	6.73608	6.73608
644287	lidocaine 70 MG / tetracaine 70 MG Medicated Patch	Patch	2	16.95000	16.95000	16.95000
1249758	lidocaine 0.04 MG/MG / menthol 0.01 MG/MG Medicated Patch	Patch	4	3.29783	9.93933	0.91200
1373130	lidocaine hydrochloride 0.04 MG/MG / menthol 0.01 MG/MG Medicated Patch	Patch	3	24.93911	48.00000	8.33333
1428948	lidocaine 0.04 MG/MG / menthol 0.04 MG/MG Medicated Patch	Patch	5	39.81640	40.41666	37.50000
1599164	lidocaine 0.04 MG/MG / menthol 0.05 MG/MG / methyl salicylate 0.04 MG/MG Medicated Patch	Patch	1	40.58466	40.58466	40.58466
2199672	lidocaine 0.035 MG/MG / menthol 0.07 MG/MG Medicated Patch	Patch	3	37.16189	52.72200	6.04166
2572014	lidocaine hydrochloride 0.04 MG/MG / menthol 0.04 MG/MG Medicated Patch	Patch	1	43.32466	43.32466	43.32466
252967	lidocaine 40 MG/ML / menthol 10 MG/ML Topical Solution	Solution	1	5.95000	5.95000	5.95000
1011839	benzalkonium chloride 1.3 MG/ML / lidocaine hydrochloride 25 MG/ML Topical Solution	Solution	3	0.03322	0.04009	0.02541
1012099	benzalkonium chloride 1.3 MG/ML / lidocaine hydrochloride 25 MG/ML Topical Spray	Spray	3	1.94217	5.76866	0.02806
1545716	benzethonium chloride 2 MG/ML / lidocaine 40 MG/ML Topical Spray	Spray	1	0.07164	0.07164	0.07164
2048005	lidocaine hydrochloride 40 MG/ML / menthol 40 MG/ML Topical Spray	Spray	1	3.00847	3.00847	3.00847

Committee Discussion

Public Comments

MTUS Listings – Categories

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Potential Recategorization

- There are concerns that the categorization currently used might be confusing as it differs in some areas to what prescribers may be use to
- For discussion purposes, the MTUS List has been separated into multiple Excel spreadsheets, roughly grouped into similar therapeutic classifications
- Separating the drugs will make it easier to review
- The current ACOEM classifications are listed for each drug ingredient with potential new Therapeutic and Pharmacological categories

Committee Discussion

Public Comments

Review of Recommendations

Adjournment