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Re: FOIA Request 14-516

Dear Mr. Shah:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated July 25 and received in my office on July 28, 2014, in which you requested:

“All documents regarding the determination of formulary placement, placement on a preferred drug list or any coverage or reimbursement issues regarding any medication to treat iron overload.

1. All documents relating to policies, activities, programs, plans, or initiatives that relate to adherence, including but not limited to documents relating to:
 - a. The effectiveness or utility of different types of adherence efforts;
 - b. The methods used to calculate, measure, or estimate adherence rates, including but not limited to any evaluation or analyses of those methods;
 - c. The patients, patient types, and/or patient groups that should or should not be included in any calculation, measurement, or estimate of adherence;
 - d. The inclusion or exclusion of prescription refills or refill rates in any calculation, measurement, or estimate of adherence;
 - e. The monetary or non-monetary incentives, rewards, or benefits that may be offered to encourage or promote adherence efforts; and/or
 - f. The government or government-sponsored activities, programs, plans, or initiatives that encourage or promote adherence efforts.
2. All documents relating to the administration of or adherence to Exjade including without limitation medication instruction sheets, patient guides about iron overload or Exjade, treatment guidelines and/or protocols.
3. Documents relating to healthcare savings, costs, and/or patient outcomes associated with medication adherence, adherence programs, or specialty pharmacies.
4. Documents relating to activities, programs, plans, or initiatives involving specialty pharmacies, including but not limited to documents relating to:
 - a. The involvement of specialty pharmacies in adherence efforts; and/or
 - b. The involvement of specialty pharmacies in any Illinois Government Healthcare Program, or any other government or government sponsored activities, programs, plans, or initiatives.
5. All documents or information provided by any provider of healthcare services, including but not limited to physicians, physician assistants, nurses, nurse

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practitioners, pharmacists, pharmacies, hospitals and clinics at Illinois State Hospitals to patients relating to Exjade, including documents about the importance of adherence to medication.

6. All documents relating to the placement of Exjade on formulary at Illinois State Hospitals.

7. All documents relating to treatment protocols for iron chelation therapy at Illinois State Hospitals.”

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 46 pages. No records could be located responsive to points 1 and 3 of your request.

Should you wish to inspect or receive a physical copy of these documents, please call Melanie Kuehn at the phone number below and she will provide you with all necessary details.

You have a right, under the law, to seek a review of this response by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) in the Office of the Attorney General. The PAC may be reached by phone at 217-782-1396, by email to publicaccess@atg.state.il.us, or by postal mail at the Public Access Bureau, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706. You also have the right to seek judicial review under section 11 of this Act.

If you have questions for our office, please contact 217-333-6400.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Hardy
Executive Director
and Chief Records Officer