



TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
Texas Medicaid/CHIP Vendor Drug Program

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Drug Use Review
OBRA '90 Overview relating to Medicaid Drug Use Review
<http://www.txvendordrug.com/vdpdu.html>

The Texas Medicaid Drug Use Review program is an educational program established in October 1992 in response to the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1990 (OBRA 90). OBRA 90 requires states to implement both retrospective and prospective Medicaid Drug Use Review programs effective January 1, 1993 under the guidance of the Medicaid Drug Use Review Board. The Texas Medicaid Drug Use Review Board consists of six practicing physicians and six practicing pharmacists who develop the criteria and standards used in the program and make recommendations on educational interventions for the purpose of promoting appropriate use of prescription drugs.

The DUR Board determines the therapeutic criteria and standards used in the retrospective and prospective programs, based on the compendia and peer reviewed medical literature. Criteria and standards will be revised periodically to ensure that they reflect prescribing recommendations of the current compendia and literature.

Criteria and standards will be made available to the Texas Medical Association, Texas Osteopathic Medical Association, Texas Pharmaceutical Association, and Texas Society of Hospital Pharmacists for review by practitioners. The Criteria Sets will be updated as changes occur.

Comments or questions regarding the Medicaid Drug Use Review Program may be sent to the following address:

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