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Case Study: Risk Assessment

MGU leverages PredictRx for increased accuracy of risk assessment

Overview

The MGU was conducting a renewal review for risk assessment. The claimant in question was 30 years old and was diagnosed with stage IV metastatic melanoma, BRAF wild type, and BRAF mutation negative two years prior to the renewal review. Since the claimant was diagnosed after terms were accepted, no laser was applied to the claimant. The claimant was treated with a cranial resection, Yervoy (a drug for treatment of unresectable or metastatic melanoma), whole brain radiation, and finally an indefinite regimen of the drug Opdivo until disease progression. The claimant's tumors decreased in size in response to the biweekly Opdivo regimen.

While accessing PredictRx to assist with risk assessment, the underwriter noted a recent update in the "physician comments" section for the drug Yervoy:

"10/2015: FDA granted accelerated approval to Opdivo in combination with Yervoy for the treatment of patients with BRAF V600 wild-type, unresectable or metastatic melanoma. Yervoy dosing remains the same"

Considering the update, the original risk projection for the claimant was re-evaluated at a higher level than previously assessed. If the claimant were to receive treatment with both drugs, total prescription drug costs would nearly double the original projection and grossly exceed total projected costs.



Results

Through supplementing in-depth clinical and dosing information with timely updates as well as expert commentary from experienced physicians, PredictRx succeeded in delivering a holistic and completely up-to-date view of the drug to the underwriter. This led to a much more accurate risk assessment, as the underwriter may not have otherwise been aware of the recent FDA approval noted in the directory.

Altogether, PredictRx was shown to keep its users completely in the loop of any recent pharmaceutical developments, aid in creating much more accurate risk projections, and ultimately save users both time and effort while doing so.

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