

PROSTHESES LIST ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMUNIQUE No. 4

The Protheses List Advisory Committee (PLAC) met for the fourth time on 31 January 2017, via teleconference.

Protheses Listings

The Committee considered 54 applications to list new devices on the Protheses List:

- 44 were recommended for granting
- 6 were not recommended for granting as insufficient clinical evidence had been provided to enable assessment of comparative clinical effectiveness
- the Committee agreed to defer consideration of 4 applications to clarify the advice from the CAG.

The Committee considered 73 requests to change current listings on the Protheses List:

- 68 requests were recommended
- 5 requests to change billing code details were not recommend for the following reasons:
 - no evidence to support the addition of a suffix (1 request),
 - the proposed suffix was not appropriate for the device (1 request),
 - the billing code required expansion rather than changing the current listing (1 request) and,
 - the proposed changes are not necessary and the devices should not attract additional benefits (2 requests).

Revised Protheses List – Guide to listing and benefits for protheses

The Committee noted revisions to the Guide following feedback from stakeholders and the discussion at the previous meeting regarding parallel application processing.

The revised Guide is now published on the Department's website.

The Committee also noted that the Guide is a living document and will be revised from time to time to reflect current policy and processes.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 16 February 2017.