

# Prostheses List Advisory Committee

## Reform Work Plan

December 2016

The reform work plan aligns to the findings of the Industry Working Group on Private Health Insurance Prostheses Reform (IWG) which focused on creating a more competitive basis for purchase and reimbursement of prostheses and devices, including consideration of options for new benefit setting mechanisms. The [IWG report](#) can be found at on the Department of Health website. The following work plan is a high level overview of proposed activities the PLAC will undertake to progress IWG findings, with options and impacts being provided to the Minister for Health for consideration. Queries relating to the reform work plan can be emailed to [prosthesesreform@health.gov.au](mailto:prosthesesreform@health.gov.au).

Issues for Consideration	Desired Outcome	Proposed Activities	Proposed Start
Targeted benefits and category review	The Prostheses List lists medical devices that are clinically effective and cost effective.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a proposed Prostheses List Category and Benefit Review Framework.</li> <li><b>Consultation</b> – seek feedback from sponsors on impacts and transition requirements outlined in the Review Framework.</li> <li>Refine the Review Framework, publish the process, and communicate the timelines, transition and implementation arrangements.</li> </ul>	November 2016
Longer term benefits setting framework	Benefits on the Prostheses List reflect the appropriate reimbursement costs of supplying medical devices to patients.	<p>PART 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research into health sector price setting models or options that could be applied to the prostheses listing process.</li> <li><b>Consultation</b> – seek views and input on possible models / options.</li> </ul> <p>PART 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further develop preferred model.</li> <li><b>Consultation</b> – seek feedback from sponsors on impacts and transition requirements to adopt preferred model.</li> <li>Refine the benefits setting model, publish the process, and communicate the timelines, transition and implementation arrangements.</li> </ul>	November 2016

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Review the criteria for listing	<p>Privately insured Australians have access to medical devices that meet their healthcare needs through their private health insurance.</p> <p>Evidence requirements for listing on the Prostheses List are appropriate and defensible.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider the current definition with other comparable processes internationally and definitions in relevant regulatory arrangements.</li> <li>• <b>Consultation</b> – seek views on any proposed change to the existing definition including impacts and transition requirements.</li> <li>• Refine the criteria, including evidence requirements, publish revised guidelines, and communicate the timelines, transition and implementation arrangements.</li> </ul>	February 2017
Minimising duplication and improve the listing process	<p>Privately insured Australians have access to clinically effective medical devices as soon as possible.</p> <p>Red tape is reduced for stakeholders and faster listing occurs for relevant devices.</p> <p>The process for applying and assessment for listing medical devices is logical and fit for purpose.</p> <p>Stakeholders have up-to-date and comprehensive information and guidance.</p> <p>PLAC receives evidence / information it needs to make reasonable and defensible recommendations to the Minister.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the existing health technology assessment process across TGA, PLAC and MSAC to identify areas of duplication, opportunities for data sharing, optimal use of clinical expertise and post market monitoring.</li> <li>• Identify opportunities for faster listing.</li> <li>• <b>Consultation</b> – seek views on proposed changes to processes including regulatory savings and transition requirements.</li> <li>• Refine proposed listing changes, including for example through a pilot.</li> <li>• Publish revised process, and communicate the timelines, transition and implementation arrangements.</li> </ul>	October 2016

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