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Sent: Tuesday, 26 September 2023 1:50 PM
To: s47F
Subject: MDHTAC meeting - Minutes [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: MDHTAC - Meeting #1 - 7 September 2023 - Minutes.DOCX

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Dear s47F

I apologise for the delay but please see attached our draft of the 7 September MDHTAC Minutes for your review, comments, changes as required.

Also please see the proposed dates for the MDHTAC meetings in 2024 below.

Thursday 16/05/2024	MDHTAC	Melbourne
Friday 20/09/2024	MDHTAC	Sydney
Thursday 12/12/2024	MDHTAC	Canberra

If you agree, I will send the dates to all members. I also want to send the Minutes to members after you check them, rather than wait until the next meeting, and I will also need to clarify a few things from SNECAG and SOECAG Chairs.

About email from MOH, sorry for not responding, I have not forgotten, just too many things happening around, including questions about general use items and how to proceed with them.

Please let me know if any concerns.

Thank you

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Subject: MDHTAC Meeting #1 - Part 2 papers uploaded to GovTEAMS [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear industry representatives

We have now uploaded the second part of the papers for your review and comments.

Specifically, these papers include:

Part 2:

6.5 - Late new applications N003931, N004027, N003901

7 - Amendment, compression and expansion applications

7.1 - Amendment applications subject further changes and for discussion

7.2 - Amendment applications not suitable

7.3 - Amendment applications suitable

7.4 - Compression and Expansion applications

8.2 - PL post-listing reviews update

8.2.A - Attachment A - MDHTAC-PL Reviews-Urogynaecological mesh

8.2.B - Attachment B - MDHTAC-PL Reviews-Surgical Guides and Biomodels - summary and background

8.3 - ATTUNE Revision LPS Insert

Please provide your comments by no later than Monday 4 September 2023. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Kind regards

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From: FLYNN, Elizabeth
Sent: Monday, 4 September 2023 10:00 AM
To: s22; s22
Subject: FW: No formal advice to MDHTAC on post-listing reviews [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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I do not intend to provide formal advice to MDHTAC on the post listing reviews – I don't see that as my place as it will be a government decision. We will vigorously protect consumer interests, and I hope MDHTAC does the same.

Please do not hesitate to report to MDHTAC - if asked - that I am bitterly disappointed that the department is not planning to address immediate changes to surgical guides and biomodels. These are being used in a way fundamentally differently than envisaged by the PLAC when approving the devices, and the (watered-down) review calls out millions of dollars of low value care at best, and rorting at worst.

The review notes that listing criteria were not met for several uses, and recommends conditions on listing and limits on overuse. The department received the draft report ten months ago, yet is still planning to "consider" actions. Further, the department has chosen to take on targeted additional consultation without seeking our advice on behalf of our 14 million members who are paying for these plastic models.

Examples of low value care endorsed by the department include: surgical guides and biomodels being used outside of the purposes they were approved for (including outside CMF), up to \$60,000 of plastic "used" to implant two plates, and mouthguard splints now being described as surgical guides and costing consumers over \$1000 per use. The costs to consumers for basic procedures like abutments have now quadrupled where surgical guides are used, with no evidence of better outcomes. We are yet to find any clinical advisers who believe these are worthwhile uses of scarce expenditure.

There are clear recommendations in the review to place conditions on use to complex CMF procedures – these should be implemented immediately.

For both the plastic components review and the neurostimulators, we will be asking the department to ensure the onus is on sponsors to prove safety and efficacy if they want continued funding – insufficient evidence should not mean that consumers continue to fund devices that are on the list.

I will take up our issues directly with government.

Thanks

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Attachments: Agenda paper PLR - FINAL with Mixed Benefit updated wording 11 August 2023.docx; Attch C - MDHTAC - PL Reviews Mixed Benefit - Updated 11 August.docx; Attachment A - Urogynaecological mesh final report_hereco_20JUN2023.PDF; Attachment B - SGBs PL review final report - summary and background.PDF

Happy Friday, s22

Further to my email below, please find attached 'Attachment C' for the PL Reviews paper to be considered by MDHTAC. I've also included Attachments A and B again so you have all documents in one email.

s22 has informed me that there was an internal discussion surrounding the potential approach to use post listing reviews as the mechanism to progress the mixed benefit regrouping work. Based on that discussion, the agenda paper has been updated (also attached) to allow for a more flexible 'review' approach, should it be deemed appropriate.

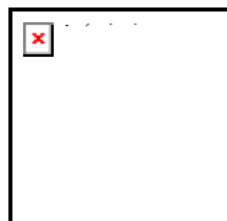
Thanks and have a fab weekend,
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 Subject: TRIM: MDHTAC Agenda paper re: PL Reviews [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Afternoon s22

Please find attached the draft MDHTAC agenda paper covering all things 'PL Reviews'. s22 and s22 have provided their feedback on this version (as per the email trail below).

I have also attached a PDF version of Attachments A and B to the agenda paper.

As discussed at Team Leaders today, Attachment C (suffixed mixed benefit proposed program of PL Reviews for the Specialist Orthopaedic Category) is currently being finalised and will be provided to you by the end of this week (all going to plan).

Very happy to discuss further, and thanks to everyone for the help in shaping this paper.

Chat soon,

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Thank you s22

s22 and s22 will finalise for s22 on Monday 7 August 2023.

See you on my return Monday 14 August 2023.

Regards

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Hi s22

Please find attached the MDHTAC Agenda paper for post listing review, with s22 edits/comments.

I support all of s22 proposed edits

I've responded to s22 comments.

There are 3 attachments that need to be included. These are:

Attachment A – urogynae mesh report from Hereco

Attachment B – SGB report from AHA

Attachment C – rolling work program, which apparently you and s22 are involved with.

I'll leave s22 to add any further instructions.

Since s22 and I will be away on Monday, can you please submit the paper and attachments to s22 on Monday? Happy to discuss any aspect of this when I return on Wednesday.

Best Regards

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