



Health Technology Assessment Review Implementation Advisory Group

Communique – 10 April Meeting

Meeting 3

- The IAG met for its third meeting on 10 April 2025. This meeting was a full-day face-to-face meeting held at the Department of Health & Aged Care's offices in Canberra.
- Members considered a framework that can be used for analysis of each recommendation made in the HTA Review. This framework includes the following key considerations:
 - Scope
 - Value and impact
 - Dependencies and sequencing
 - Implementation complexity
 - Stakeholders
 - Cost
 - Resources
 - Measurement
- Members considered in detail four HTA Review recommendations:
 - Recommendation 2: Providing equitable access to medicines for children and young people
 - Recommendation 6: Expanding the advisory role of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee beyond the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme
 - Recommendation 11: Proportionate appraisal pathways to align the Australian Technical Advisory Group on immunisation assessments with the level of risk and complexity of the product
 - Recommendation 12: Proactive vaccine assessment pathway
- The IAG's consumer representatives provided a presentation on the Enhance HTA: An Enhanced Consumer Engagement Process in Australian Health Technology Assessment report. This presentation included an overview of Enhance HTA recommendations, implementation principles detailed in the report, and the Enhance HTA Roadmap.
- Members noted the importance of considering the Enhance HTA report in its advice to Government. This includes consideration of the interdependencies between the HTA Review report and the Enhance HTA report (including the roadmap).
- Members discussed the important role the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) would have in implementation of several HTA Review recommendations and agreed that the IAG should engage with ATAGI on implementation considerations.
- Members discussed the possibility of providing staged advice to Government in advance of finalising the draft implementation plan. This may be considered for example, where the IAG concludes it cannot provide further advice on specific recommendations.

- Meeting 4 will take place on 8 May 2025 in Canberra.