



Health Technology Assessment Review Implementation Advisory Group

Communique – 12 June Meeting

Meeting 5

- The IAG met for its fifth meeting on 12 June 2025. This meeting was a full-day face-to-face meeting held at the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing's offices in Canberra.
- The Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) and Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC) Chairs attended the first part of the meeting. The Chairs and the IAG held an open conversation in relation to the HTA Review recommendations and considered possible reform implementation options and impacts to PBAC and MSAC processes.
- Members considered seven HTA Review recommendations using the Framework for Recommendation Analysis:
 - Recommendation 1 – Creating a more equitable system for First Nations peoples
 - Recommendation 18 – Updated post-review framework
 - Recommendation 21 – Incentivise the development of health technologies that address antimicrobial resistance
 - Recommendation 43 – Environmental impact reporting
 - Recommendation 48 – Mechanisms for continuous review and improvement
 - Recommendation 49 – HTA evaluation workforce
- Members also continued discussion of Recommendation 40 – Comparator selection.
- Members agreed that additional work should be undertaken in relation to some of these recommendations before discussing further at a future meeting.
- Members considered a revised draft workplan and agreed to continue virtual meetings between the monthly face-to-face meetings to progress work out of session.
- Members also agreed to progress drafting of its interim report to Government out of session with the aim of finalising this advice by the end of July.
- The next face to face meeting will take place on 10 July 2025 in Canberra.