

## **Review of the General Miscellaneous Category of the Prostheses List.**

### *Background*

The General Miscellaneous category of the Prostheses List (PL) includes general use items (e.g. closure and haemostatic devices) and items that do not readily sit in other categories (e.g. radio-isotopes and bowel incontinence devices).

Many of the general use items are high volume and low unit-cost relative to more specialised implantable devices that appear in other categories.

A number of reviews of the PL over more than a decade have considered whether these general use items should be subsidised through the PL. Analysis of 2018-19 PL data demonstrating above trend utilisation growth for the General Miscellaneous category has again focussed attention on these items, prompting this review.

### *Terms of Reference*

The Department of Health will undertake a review of the General Miscellaneous category of the PL to determine whether items listed in that category (or a subset of items) should continue to be listed on the PL. In doing so the Review will take account of the overall purpose of the PL.

The Review will:

- Consider whether items listed in the General Miscellaneous category meet the current criteria for listing of prostheses on the PL as set out in legislation and guidance documents.
- Examine Hospital Casemix data to identify trends in use and expenditure in the General Miscellaneous category.
- Consider whether items listed in the General Miscellaneous category are also funded through other private health insurance payments.
- Consider whether for reasons of improved efficiency, items in the General Miscellaneous category should be removed from the PL and funded by private health insurers through other mechanisms.
- Consider whether there would be unintended consequences should any items listed in the General Miscellaneous category be removed from the PL.
- Consider whether any items listed in the General Miscellaneous category should undergo health technology assessment to determine their comparative value.

### *Conduct of the Review*

The Review will be conducted by the Technology Assessment and Access Division within the Department of Health, assisted by external consultants if the Department so chooses.

There will be targeted stakeholder consultation.

The timeframe for the Review will be six months with the outcomes of the Review reported to PLAC and any options for reform provided to government.