Clinical Categories Review Advisory Committee Meeting Summary 15 March 2021

On 15 March 2021, the Clinical Categories Review Advisory Committee held its first meeting. The following is a summary of the discussions.

- Members noted the paper on the history of the development of the clinical categories reform and summary of the regulatory framework.
- Members discussed the proposed work plan and noted key issues for consideration:
 - Review of the current range of categories to ensure they are adequately described
 - Review contentious codes
 - Consider which services are expected to be covered by categories without MBS items
 - Consider how medical admissions or investigative procedures are to be covered
 - Framework for the resolution of disputes on the interpretation of the regulations
 - Timeframe for the development and implementation of additional code lists
 - Advice on the interpretations of regulations on urgent and unplanned treatment due to complications
 - Framework for amending the clinical categories. How are changes reviewed, consulted and communicated