Clinical Categories Review Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary

12 April 2021

On 12 April 2021, the Clinical Categories Review Advisory Committee held its second meeting. The following is a summary of the discussions.

* The Committee noted feedback provided by stakeholders on the draft work plan which was circulated for comment from 18 March to 31 March 2021.
* Committee noted the core principles of the clinical categories is not well understood by all industry stakeholders.
* The Committee reviewed the following categories in terms of the clarity of the scope of cover, the range of services listed and stakeholder feedback/implementation issues:
	+ Assisted reproductive services
	+ Blood
	+ Brain and nervous system discussed together with Back, neck and spine
	+ Breast surgery (medically necessary)
	+ Ear, nose and throat discussed together with Tonsils, adenoids and grommets
	+ Eye (not cataracts) discussed together with Cataracts
	+ Heart and vascular system
	+ Hernia and appendix
	+ Chemotherapy, radiotherapy and immunotherapy for cancer
	+ Dental surgery
	+ Diabetes management (excluding insulin pumps)
	+ Dialysis for chronic kidney failure
	+ Digestive system
	+ Gastrointestinal endoscopy
	+ Insulin pumps
	+ Implantation hearing devices
	+ Kidney and bladder
	+ Lung and Chest
	+ Miscarriage and termination of pregnancy, Gynaecology and Male reproductive system discussed together
	+ Pain management
	+ Pain management with device
	+ Plastic and reconstructive surgery (medically necessary)
	+ Pregnancy and birth
	+ Skin
	+ Sleep studies
	+ Weight loss surgery
* The Committee requested MBS claiming data and Private Health Information Statement (PHIS) data to further assist the review of categories.
* Consideration of the orthopaedic categories and the Basic tier categories were deferred to Meeting 3.