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.