

## **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.