Clinical Categories Review Advisory Committee

Meeting summary - 24 May 2021

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- The committee continued reviewing the clinical categories in terms of the clarity of the scope of cover, range of services listed within each category and stakeholder feedback/implementation issues
 - Categories reviewed: Joint reconstructions, Joint replacements, Bone, joint and muscle and the Basic tier categories
- Members agreed to principles on the interpretation and implementation of the regulations in the Private Health Insurance (Complying Product) Rules 2015
- The committee discussed the utility of the following coding systems for the clinical categories:
 - International Statistical Classification of Disease and Related Health Problems
 10th revision modified to the Australian context (ICD-10-AM)
 - Australian Classification of Health Interventions (ACHI)
 - Australian Refined Diagnosis Related Groups (AR-DRG)
- The committee considered the current PHI relevant regulatory authorities and pathways stakeholders can use to address legislative interpretation disputes. The Committee will continue discussions on the topic at the next meeting, following further advice on the legislative powers of each of the current regulatory authorities.