



Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Consumer Consultative Committee (CCC)

HTA CCC Communique – Thursday 17th September 2021 17th meeting of the HTA CCC

Attendees

Consumer representatives from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) and its subcommittee, the Prostheses List Advisory Committee and the Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC) and their subcommittees as well as consumer representatives from the Therapeutic Goods Administration Advisory Committee on Medicines, and the Advisory Committee on Medical Devices.

Department of Health representatives from the Consumer Evidence and Engagement Unit (CEEU) and the Office of Health Technology Assessment (OHTA) Support Unit.

Outcomes

The Chair, Jo Watson, provided an update on activities since the previous HTA CCC meeting held on 14 July 2021. The Chair noted that the main purpose of the September 2021 HTA CCC meeting is to update members on the upcoming *Making Connections* HTA Consumer Symposium to be held on 23 September 2021.

The CEEU Lead gave an update about activities including preparations for the Symposium. The Lead also advised that the CEEU will commence sending out targeted requests for MSAC consultation input for applications being considered by the PICO Advisory Sub-Committee in December 2021. An update was also provided on the summary of information for consumers pilot for the November 2021 PBAC meeting as well as an overview of another pilot where representatives from a consumer organisation had been invited to provide input both after the PBAC Economics Sub Committee discussion and prior to the July 2021 PBAC meeting. The Lead also noted that final approval of the content for the OHTA Consultation Hub was still needed before the website could be launched.

The Project Lead, CEEU, then gave an overview on what was planned for the day of the HTA Consumer Symposium including the platform features such as location of menu items to 'watch live', access to 'networking rooms', view 'program' and 'speakers,' and access to the on demand videos and resources. Resources included a list of useful websites, information about the National Medicines Policy Review, and a Health Technology Assessment Glossary. Members were advised that the meeting would be recorded and made available on-demand after the meeting to those registered to attend. HTA CCC members volunteered to host two of the lunchtime networking rooms.