

## **Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Consumer Consultative Committee Communiqué**

The HTA Consumer Consultative Committee (CCC) met on 13 August 2018 in Canberra. This was the third face-to-face meeting for 2018.

### **Attendees**

Attendees included the consumer representatives from Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC), Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC), Prostheses Listing Advisory Committee (PLAC) and their subcommittees. Consumer representatives from the TGA's Advisory Committee for Medicines and Advisory Committee for Medical Devices also observed the meeting. Department of Health representatives were also in attendance.

### **Outcomes**

Members were advised that appointments to the Life Saving Drugs Program Expert Panel were pending, including a consumer representative to this newly established HTA committee. Feedback from CCC members was sought on "How to Engage" materials prepared by a patient representative group.

Members were updated on the CCC Mentoring Project, including a proposed literature search on relevant models for peer-based consumer mentoring that could be adapted for HTA capacity building. Members discussed a number of MSAC consumer projects, including possible ways to include formal consumer input strategies into the technical guidelines for MSAC sponsor submissions, the MSAC consultation survey and possible strategies for information sharing across the consumer representatives on MSAC and its subcommittees.

Members were updated on the Private Health Insurance reforms and the progress of other work under the strategic agreement with the Medical Technology Association of Australia.

Members were updated on the streamlined pathways project to improve the medicines listing progress. Consultation with stakeholders was underway on the proposals, including with consumer groups and clinicians. CCC members were encouraged to suggest strategies for future consultations with consumer groups in 2019.

### **Next steps**

The next meeting is scheduled for 12 November 2018.