

Australian Government and MTAA Agreement 2017 – 2022: High Level Workplan

Intent	Commitment	Key Activities
Sector Stability and Sustainability	Implementing agreed benefit reductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First reductions took effect February 2018 (Completed ✓) • Further reductions take effect August 2018 and February 2020 (On track 📈)
	Exempting new groups added to a category from the agreed benefit reductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Processes implemented by Department of Health (Completed ✓)
	Public commitment to Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister announced the agreement (13/10/17) • Department of Health published agreement on its website (Completed ✓) • MTAA published agreement on its website (Completed ✓)
	No changes to benefits on the Prostheses List during the term of this Agreement without agreement with the MTAA on behalf of the industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish protocols for seeking MTAA agreement to changes (Not commenced)
Reduce time to market	Remove requirement for clinical evidence with 2 years of follow up data for some devices, where appropriate, by 1 August 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice to applicants provided on Department of Health website and all Clinical Advisory Groups have been advised (On track 📈) • Develop criteria that specify circumstances in which follow up data are required (work commenced 📈)
	From 1 February 2018 , applications for listing on the Prostheses List which have been approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration for safety and efficacy will not have duplicative safety and efficacy assessment by PLAC and its Clinical Advisory Groups (CAGs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed at November 2017 PLAC and CAG Chairs meeting and Terms of Reference for PLAC and CAGs updated December 2017 to clarify the roles of the PLAC and the TGA (Completed ✓)
	Advise Minister on options for expedited pathways for listing on Prostheses List by 15 April 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice on options for expedited pathways provided to the Minister. These will be considered by the Quality of Information and Guidance Industry Working Group (Ongoing) • PLAC business process review commenced (On track 📈) • Collaboration with TGA to ensure regulatory and prostheses listing processes align, where appropriate (On track 📈)
	Publish three Prostheses Lists (PL) annually by 1 March 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of Department of Health processes and resources required for implementing three PLs annually (On track 📈)
Access to safe, effective and cost effective devices	Develop and publish PLAC and CAG key performance indicators (KPIs) by 1 February 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With input from key stakeholders develop potential performance indicators and reporting mechanisms (On track 📈)
	Establish Industry Working Group to inform benefit setting framework by 31 March 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Health and MTAA have agreed to Terms of Reference and membership (Completed ✓)
	Establish Industry Working Group to inform funding of cardiac device tech support services by 31 March 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Health and MTAA have agreed to Terms of Reference and membership (Completed ✓)
	Continuing with targeted reviews of prostheses but not implementing any changes to benefit levels without agreement of the MTAA during the life of the Agreement by TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early planning commenced (On track 📈)
Improve transparency and efficiency	Review ways to list new targeted devices on the PL that do not meet the current criteria for listing by 30 June 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work to commence in early 2019 under the Benefit Setting IWG with engagement and advice from PLAC. This work will include broad stakeholder consultation as it progresses
	Establish Industry Working Group to improve information available to applicants by 31 March 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Health and MTAA have agreed to Terms of Reference and membership (Completed ✓)
	Conducting a process review of the PLAC assessment process with a view to ensuring consistent processes are adopted across the PLAC and its CAGs and improving the quality and timeliness of written information provided to applicants by 1 July 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This work is being done by the Quality of Information and Guidelines Industry Working group and will involve extensive consultation (On track 📈)
Recognise superior clinical performance	Revise cost recovery arrangements by 1 July 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This work is being done by the Quality of Information and Guidelines Industry Working group and will involve extensive consultation (On track 📈)
	Continue to recognise superior clinical performance (SCP) and reduce benefit premium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Health is continuing to apply the SCP suffix until the new model for SCP benefit is introduced. The SCP suffix will remain, the premium benefit for SCP will cease February 2019. (Completed ✓)
Agreement Governance	Introduce new model for SCP benefit by 1 February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With input from key stakeholders develop a revised model for recognising SCP (Not commenced)
	Establish a Governance Committee to oversee the MTAA Agreement implementation program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance Committee, comprised of MTAA and Department of Health representatives, held its first meeting in February 2018 (Completed ✓)
	Review Agreement in 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define performance data to inform evaluation of Agreement (On track 📈)
	Managing commercially sensitive information used in this program of work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop protocols for handling commercially confidential data (On track 📈)