

Health Technology Clinical Committee

Overview

The Washington State Health Technology Clinical Committee (HTCC) was established by law in 2006 to include eleven members appointed by the HCA director, in consultation with participating state agencies. (See, RCW 70.14.090.) In addition to the law and administrative rules, the HTCC maintains bylaws for the orderly resolution of its purposes.

Purpose

The HTCC was established to make coverage determinations for selected health technologies based on the available scientific evidence. The determinations of the HTCC are followed by state purchased health care programs including the UMP Plans. The HTCC uses systematic health technology assessment reports on the strength of the evidence and considers other information including state utilization and public comment when making coverage decisions.

Additional information on the HTCC can be found at:

<http://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/health-technology-assessment/health-technology-clinical-committee>

Health Technology Reviews

The HTCC makes coverage decisions that apply to the UMP Plans. The HTCC is composed of community health care practitioners. The Washington State Health Technology Assessment (HTA) program develops scientific, evidence-based reports on selected medical devices, procedures, and tests. The HTCC uses the reports and considers other information to determine the conditions for coverage. State agencies that purchase health use these decisions in their programs to define covered services.

Additional information on completed and open technology reviews can be found at:

<http://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/health-technology-assessment/health-technology-reviews>

Selected Technologies

The technology selection process determines the technologies that will be considered by the HTCC. Technologies are selected by the Director of the HCA. Selection is based on concerns related to safety, efficacy and cost-effectiveness.

Additional information on selected technologies can be found at:

<http://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/health-technology-assessment/overview-topic-selection>