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HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY
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To: Interested Health Care Professionals and Professional Organizations
Subject: Recruiting Two Health Technology Clinical Committee Members

Application due date: June 6, 2017

To apply:

By the due date, submit an electronic version of your application, signed conflict of interest disclosure and curriculum vitae/resume to: shtap@hca.wa.gov. Application materials are available at: www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/health-technology-assessment/recruitment.

Background

The Health Care Authority's (HCA) Health Technology Assessment (HTA) program invites nominations and applications for new members to the Health Technology Clinical Committee (HTCC). The HCA director appoints new members to serve on the committee to replace those who are completing their service. Members are appointed for three-year terms and may be reappointed for two additional terms.

The HTCC is an independent committee of practicing health care providers. The HTCC makes coverage determinations for the State of Washington for selected health technologies. The HTCC uses an open process and relies on evidence-based information about safety, efficacy, and cost-effectiveness to inform coverage determinations for state purchased health care programs.

Authorizing legislation requires the HCA director to appoint committee members who use health technology in their scope of practice. HCA has three pending vacancies to fill. We would appreciate your help in encouraging or nominating highly qualified and interested practicing licensed health professionals to apply for these openings.

Members of the HTCC cannot have substantial financial conflict of interest, such as interest in a health technology company, the holding of stock options, or the receipt of honoraria or consultant fees, and they must be willing to complete a conflict of interest disclosure form and agree to other membership requirements.

Key qualities sought in prospective members include:

- Active practitioners;
- Diverse membership in terms of geographic location, gender, and ethnic/ racial background;
- Knowledge of and experience with evidence-based medicine including experience, training or education focused on fields relevant to evidence-based medicine:

- Clinical epidemiology, health economics, health services research, public health, biostatistics, medical quality management, public health system planning and evaluation, cost-effectiveness analysis, decision sciences, clinical effectiveness, health informatics, biometrics or outcomes research.

Additionally, HCA seeks a range of practitioner types and specialties. For example:

- Diagnostic services – Radiology, pathology;
- Primary care services – Family practice, nurse practitioner, internal medicine, , pediatrics, naturopathy, obstetrics/gynecology, emergency medicine;
- Surgical services – Orthopedics, neurosurgery, cardiology, anesthesiology, obstetrics/ gynecology, podiatry, dentistry;
- Rehabilitative services – Rehabilitation medicine, chiropractic, prosthetics and orthotics, physical, occupational, or rehabilitative therapy;
- Integrative – Mental health, dental, chiropractic and complementary/ alternative medicine (e.g. acupuncture, naturopathy, massage therapy)

The committee meets for a full day in the months of January, March, May, September and November. Members are reimbursed for travel expenses and time spent in meetings. Legislation authorizing the HTCC provides personal indemnification related to HTCC participation.

More information about Washington State's health technology assessment program and the role of its clinical committee is available on the HTA website: www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/health-technology-assessment.

Thank you for your consideration.

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