Health Technology Clinical Committee

Date: July 12, 2019
Time: 9:00 am – 10:00 am
Location: Webinar and Conference Call
Adopted: November 22, 2019

Meeting materials and transcript are available on the HTA website.

HTCC Minutes

Members present: John Bramhall, MD, PhD, Gregory Brown, MD, PhD; Janna Friedly, MD; Chris Hearne, BSN, DNP, MPH; Austin Mc Millin, DC; Laurie Mischley, ND, MPH, PhD; Sheila Rege, MD MPH; Seth Schwartz, MD, MPH; Mika Sinanan, MD, PhD; Kevin Walsh, MD; Tony Yen, MD.

HTCC Formal Action

1. Call to order: Dr. Brown, chair, called the meeting to order; members present constituted a quorum.

2. May 17 meeting minutes: Draft minutes reviewed. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes as written.

   Action: Eleven committee members approved the May 17, 2019 meeting minutes.

3. Proton beam therapy - re-review draft findings and decision: Chair referred members to the draft findings and decision and called for further discussion. Two public comments were received on the draft decision. The first asked for reconsideration of the age cohort for pediatric patients; coverage of pediatric cancers that reoccur in adulthood; and coverage of typical pediatric cancers that occur in young adults. The second comment requested clarification of adult cancer coverage, primary, metastatic, or both.

   The committee considered the recommendations. Changes were made to clarify the intent of the determination: under “Limitations of coverage”, the term “primary” was added before the word “cancers” (twice) and to avoid redundancy, the word “primary” was deleted from in front of “hepatocellular carcinomas”. Motion made and seconded to accept the findings and decision, as amended.

   Action: Eleven committee members voted to approve the proton beam therapy findings and decision.

4. Meeting adjourned.