November 5, 2021 Meeting Materials
Health Technology Clinical Committee

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Members present: Larry Birger, MD; John Bramhall, MD, PhD; Clinton Daniels, DC, MS; Janna Friedly, MD, MPH; Chris Hearne, DNP, MPH; Conor Kleweno, MD; Christoph Lee, MD, MS, MBA; Laurie Mischley, ND, MPH, PhD; Sheila Rege, MD, MPH; Mika Sinanan, MD, PhD; Tony Yen, MD

HTCC Formal Action

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

2. HTA program updates: Josh Morse, program director, presented HTCC meeting protocols and guidelines, and a high-level overview of the HTA program.

3. Previous meeting business:
   - June 18, 2021 meeting minutes: Draft minutes reviewed. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes as written.
     Action: Eleven committee members approved the June 18, 2021 meeting minutes.
   - Sacroiliac Joint Fusion Rereview draft findings and decision: Chair referred members to the draft findings and decision and called for further discussion. Two comments were addressed. One comment was a follow-up from the June 18 meeting public commenter. The second was from the North American Spine Society. The Committee considered whether the comments provided evidence that was overlooked. All members agreed the comments did not provide evidence that was overlooked.
     No change was made to the draft determination language.
     A motion was made on the draft determination and seconded to accept the findings and decision as final.
     Action: Ten committee members approved the Sacroiliac Joint Fusion determination findings and decision. One member recused themselves.

4. HTA program work in progress: Josh Morse, program director, provided an update on upcoming HTCC meetings in November and the Committee retreat in September. The Committee discussed planning for the retreat meeting and potential guest speakers.

5. Meeting adjourned
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Staff present: Josh Morse; Melanie Golob; Christine Masters

HTCC Formal Action

1. Welcome, introductions, and overview: Dr. Rege, Chair, welcomed HTCC members to the virtual meeting, led introductions and provided an overview of the day’s activities. Members present constituted a quorum.

2. HTA program updates: Josh Morse, Program Director, presented HTCC meeting protocols and guidelines, and a high-level overview of the HTA program.

3. Agency implementation of HTCC decisions: Drs. Franklin and Zerzan-Thul presented an overview of agency implementation of HTCC determinations and outcomes. Information shared included charts and graphs, detailing longitudinal utilization measures, for a sub-set of HTCC determinations across health programs. Following the presentation, committee members discussed the impact of the findings, drivers of variation, and next steps.

4. GRADE Presentation: Dr. Gordon Guyatt, MD, MSc. Dr. Guyatt was invited to speak with the HTCC about the background and application of GRADE. Key principles important to the application of the evidence synthesis process were presented to the Committee.

5. Process and quality improvements: Facilitated discussion about GRADE presentation and reflection on key takeaways. Committee discussed and recommended increasing public comment time from 3 minutes to 4 minutes.

6. Committee view and final reflections: The Chair led a roundtable discussion. Members shared their perception of the HTCC as a working group.

7. Meeting adjourned