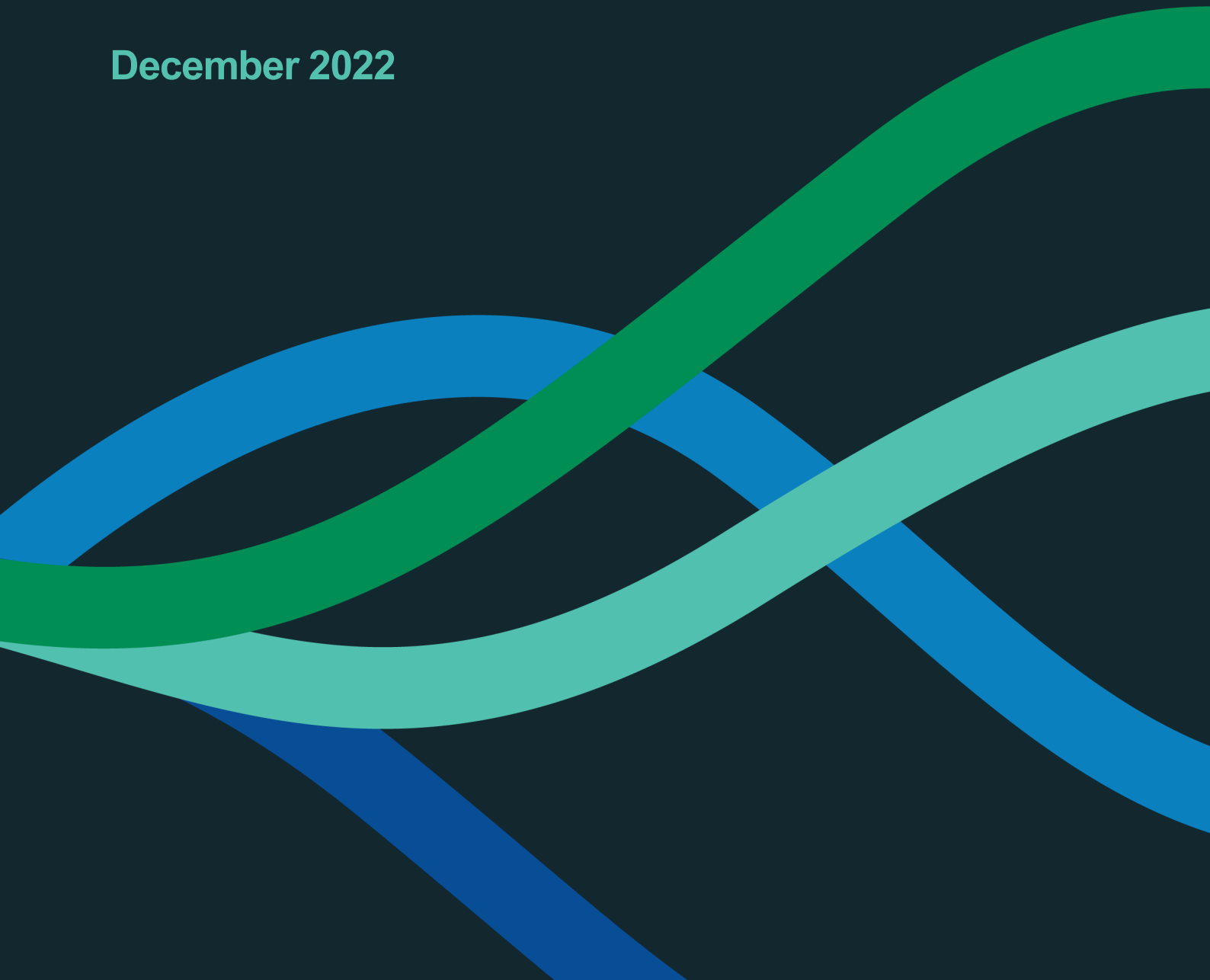# New Health Technology Submission Guidelines

December 2022

New Health Technology Submission Guidelines

1. Overview

The Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority (IHACPA) recognises the need for the pricing of public hospital services to respond in a timely manner to the introduction of new health technologies and models of care.

The *New Health Technology Policy* (the Policy) outlines the process by which IHACPA receives submissions and reviews the impact of new health technologies on the existing activity based funding classification systems to ensure they are adequately accounted for in the pricing of public hospital services.

Under the Policy, in consultation with its advisory committees and classification working groups, IHACPA will:

- review submissions on new health technologies from jurisdictions, advisory bodies and other stakeholders;

- assess the impact of new health technologies on the national classification systems; and

- where required, refer new health technologies for classification development.

From 2023, IHACPA will accept submissions for new health technologies on an ongoing basis through the IHACPA Australian Classification Exchange (ACE) portal. Prior to 2023, submissions for new health technologies were received through an annual public consultation process.

2. Submission guidelines

2.1 Australian Classification Exchange

The ACE portal is a platform hosted by IHACPA relating to the following classification systems:

- ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS classification system: The International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision, Australian Modification (ICD-10-AM), Australian Classification of Health Interventions (ACHI), Australian Coding Standards (ACS)

- AR-DRG classification system: Australian Refined Diagnosis Related Groups.

The ACE portal provides a public platform to submit classification enhancements for ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS and modifications to AR-DRGs, known as Public Submissions, for the potential incorporation in a future release of the classification.

2.2 New health technology submissions

New health technology submissions may be made through the ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Public Submissions function on the ACE portal.

Prior to making a submission, submitters should ensure that they have reviewed the current editions and versions of the classifications on the IHACPA website to determine whether the new health technology is already accounted for with an existing code or class.

Registration

Submissions may be made at any time through the ACE portal by registered users. New users will be required to register on the ACE portal:

1. Click here to be directed to the registration screen.
2. Complete the details and submit the registration form.

Submission

Once registered, users can sign into the ACE portal and make a new health technology submission through the Request for Modification to ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Classification landing page. Submitters should populate the submission form as follows.

Subject	"New health technology"
Relevant Codes	Please provide confirmation that the new health technology is not currently captured in the classifications

Please describe the issue in detail	Please include a brief description of the new health technology
Please select the volume affected	Please select the volume of actual or anticipated new health technology delivery
Please detail the reason for your selection	Please include a brief overview of where the new health technology is currently being delivered or anticipated for delivery
Attach Files	Please complete the "Submission form – New Health Technology Policy" on the IHACPA website and attach the completed form

IHACPA may contact the submitter to request further detail on the new health technology submission.

If a submission is made with incomplete fields or lacks sufficient supporting evidence, the new health technology may not be considered for progression to clinical review.

IHACPA

Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority

Eora Nation, Level 12, 1 Oxford Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Phone   02 8215 1100
Email   enquiries.ihacpa@ihacpa.gov.au
Twitter @IHACPA

www.ihacpa.gov.au