

HIQA Guidelines for Economic Evaluation and Budget Impact Analysis

IPPOSI welcomes the recent move by HIQA to revisit its guidelines on Economic Evaluation and Budget Impact Analysis. Below are some suggestions which IPPOSI would like HIQA to consider in advance of the re-drafting of the aforementioned guidelines.

Guidelines on Economic Evaluation

- **2.2** Evaluation results should be presented as both a cost-effectiveness analysis (CEA) and a cost-utility analysis (CUA)
- **2.3** Evaluation and analysis should move to consider both health and societal perspectives, and costs should consider direct costs (health care) and indirect costs (costs to other government bodies, informal caregivers etc).
- **2.11** In light of the ongoing debate around the use of QALY and the different outcome measures used in other countries, evaluation outcomes should be presented in QALYs and in life years gained – including for evaluations where the main objective of the intervention is to prolong life expectancy.
- **2.11** Evaluations should consider alternative approaches to measuring outcome when QALY may not be the most appropriate choice, or when assumptions which inform QALY may not be appropriate.
- **2.11** Rather than considering all members of the public equally, evaluations should consider asking individual communities to value the change in health experienced following a treatment (HRQoL weights). If not possible to include a particular group within a model, this should at the very least be articulated.
- **2.12** Evaluations and analysis should consider how modelling may be re-evaluated as new information becomes available. Currently modelling is based only on information available at the time of the assessment.
- **2.12** - Evaluations and analysis should outline the specific variables used during the modelling process to arrive at a decision, as well as the measure of statistical error provided for in the estimates for different recommendations.
- **2.17** Guidelines should recommend approaches which allow Irish health technology assessment reports to be shared and used by health partners in other European countries. Similarly, Irish evaluators might consider conducting a systematic review of previous economic evaluations of the technology in Europe.

Guidelines on Budget impact Analysis

- None at this time

Both

- Guidelines should consider including a worked example of an economic evaluation and budget impact analysis – as has been done in Canada.
https://www.cadth.ca/sites/default/files/pdf/economic_guidelines_worked_example.pdf