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Key dates for August 2017 Prostheses List - updated

This circular supersedes information provided to stakeholders regarding the critical dates for submitting applications to list prostheses on the August 2017 Prostheses List as outlined in PHI 94/16.

Changes to critical dates for Prostheses List applications have been revised in this circular with changes emphasised in red text for ease of reference.

These dates are correct at the time of publishing this circular, and any further changes will be advised.

Clinical Advisory Groups (CAGs) and Panel arrangements

The Clinical Advisory Groups (CAGs) of the Prostheses List Advisory Committee (PLAC) meet four times a year, twice before each Prostheses List, to consider applications and to provide expert clinical advice to the PLAC.

Meeting dates for applications to list a product on the Prostheses List are provided in the table below.

The closing dates for new applications to be considered by all CAGs are 13 January 2017 and 7 April 2017.

The closing date for new applications to be considered under Panel arrangements is 5 May 2017.

Requests to change, expand or compress existing billing codes should be submitted no later than three weeks prior to the second meeting of the applicable CAG in order to be assessed for the August 2017 Prostheses List (refer table below).

Requests to change, expand or compress existing billing codes for applications assessed under Panel arrangements must be submitted no later than 29 June 2017 in order to be assessed for the August 2017 Prostheses List (refer table below).

Applications for duplication, transfer or deletion of existing billing codes must be submitted by 28 July 2017 (refer table below).

Should you require further information please telephone (02) 6289 5444 or email the enquiry to hospital.declarations.info@health.gov.au.

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August 2017 Prostheses List Critical Dates

Category	Closing Date	Date of 1st meeting	Closing Date	<i>Request to change, expand or compress existing billing codes</i>	Date of 2nd meeting	<i>Transferring, duplicating and deleting existing billing codes</i>
01. Ophthalmic	13 January 2017	27 February 2017	7 April 2017	<i>15 May 2017</i>	5 June 2017	<i>28 July 2017</i>
02. Ear, Nose and Throat*			5 May 2017	<i>29 June 2017</i>		<i>28 July 2017</i>
03. General Miscellaneous*			5 May 2017	<i>29 June 2017</i>		<i>28 July 2017</i>
04. Neurosurgical*			5 May 2017	<i>29 June 2017</i>		<i>28 July 2017</i>
05. Urogenital	13 January 2017	21 April 2017	7 April 2017	<i>26 May 2017</i>	16 June 2017	<i>28 July 2017</i>
06. Specialist Orthopaedic	13 January 2017	3 March 2017	7 April 2017	<i>12 May 2017</i>	2 June 2017	<i>28 July 2017</i>
07. Plastic and Reconstructive*			5 May 2017	<i>29 June 2017</i>		<i>28 July 2017</i>
08. Cardiac	13 January 2017	22 April 2017	7 April 2017	<i>27 May 2017</i>	17 June 2017	<i>28 July 2017</i>
09. Cardiothoracic	13 January 2017	21 April 2017	7 April 2017	<i>26 May 2017</i>	16 June 2017	<i>28 July 2017</i>
10. Vascular	13 January 2017	3 April 2017	7 April 2017	<i>5 June 2017</i>	26 June 2017	<i>28 July 2017</i>
11. Hip	13 January 2017	10 March 2017	7 April 2017	<i>5 May 2017</i>	26 May 2017	<i>28 July 2017</i>
12. Knee	13 January 2017	11 March 2017	7 April 2017	<i>6 May 2017</i>	27 May 2017	<i>28 July 2017</i>
13. Spinal	13 January 2017	24 February 2017	7 April 2017	<i>28 April 2017</i>	19 May 2017	<i>28 July 2017</i>

* Categories assessed under Panel arrangements.

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