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Plain language summary

In Ireland, Health Technology Assessments (HTAs) are used to help decide which health technologies (such as drugs, medical tests, medical devices, surgeries, healthcare reorganisation) should be used and funded in our public healthcare system. A HTA looks at the effectiveness, safety and cost of different health technologies. A budget impact analysis (BIA) is often done as part of a HTA and it helps decision-makers understand how much a new treatment or technology will cost and how it will affect the overall budget.

These guidelines explain how a BIA in HTA should be done in Ireland. These guidelines were developed with the support of a Scientific Advisory Group brought together by the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA). The group includes patients, researchers, policy-makers, people from industry, doctors and other experts. Their input is important to make sure that the guidelines are fair and of high quality, which in turn helps inform healthcare decision-making and support safer, better healthcare. These updated national guidelines for the budget impact analysis of health technologies in Ireland underwent public consultation to gain feedback from a broad range of stakeholders.

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