

WAC 182-55-045 Advisory group. (1) The committee chair, upon an affirmative vote of the committee members, may establish ad hoc temporary advisory groups under RCW 70.14.110 (2)(c). At the time an ad hoc temporary advisory group is formed, the committee must state the ad hoc temporary advisory group's objective and questions to address. Notice of the formation of an ad hoc temporary advisory group, and information about how to participate, shall be posted on the centralized, internet-based communication tool.

(2) The committee chair, or designee, may appoint or remove an advisory group member. An ad hoc temporary advisory group must include at least three members. The advisory group will generally include at least one enrollee, client, or patient. The advisory group must have:

(a) Two or more experts or specialists within the field relevant to the health technology, preferably with demonstrated experience in the use, evaluation, or research of the health technology;

(b) At least one expert who is a proponent or advocate of the health technology; and

(c) At least one expert who is an opponent or critic of the health technology.

(3) Each advisory group member must:

(a) Not have a substantial financial conflict of interest, such as an interest in a health technology company, including the holding of stock options, or the receipt of honoraria, or consultant moneys;

(b) Complete an advisory group member agreement, including a conflict of interest disclosure form, and keep disclosure statements current;

(c) Abide by confidentiality requirements and keep all personal medical information and proprietary information confidential; and

(d) Not utilize information gained as a result of advisory group membership outside of advisory group responsibilities, unless such information is publicly available.

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