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## **RESOLUTION**

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#### **HEALTH TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND INCORPORATION INTO HEALTH SYSTEMS**

##### ***THE 150th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,***

Having reviewed the report *Health Technology Assessment and Incorporation into Health Systems* (Document CE150/16),

##### ***RESOLVES:***

To recommend to the 28th Pan American Sanitary Conference that it adopt a resolution along the following lines:

#### **HEALTH TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND INCORPORATION INTO HEALTH SYSTEMS**

##### ***THE 28th PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,***

Having reviewed the report *Health Technology Assessment and Incorporation into Health Systems* (Document CSP28/\_\_);

Recognizing that in the Health Agenda for the Americas 2008-2017 the ministries and secretaries of health recognized that human rights are part of the principles and values inherent to the Health Agenda, and declared that, to make the right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health a reality, the countries should work toward achieving universality, access, integrity, quality, and inclusion in the health systems, available to individuals, families and communities;

Taking into account the growing number of health technologies in the Region and the limited institutional capacity for their prioritization and comparative assessment;

Recognizing that the incorporation of new health technologies may have growing budgetary implications that place pressure on the management of health system resources;

Taking into account the practice in some countries of using the judicial system to require national health authorities to ensure access to health technologies without a prior evaluation of their effectiveness or a comparative assessment with those health technologies already offered by the health system;

Recognizing the benefit of incorporating health technologies into health systems based on health technology assessment (HTA), defined as the systematic evaluation of properties, effects, and/or impacts of those technologies, including medical, social, ethical, and economic dimensions;

Recognizing the achievements and progress of the Health Technology Assessment Network of the Americas (RedETSA), established in 2011 by PAHO, as well as subregional health technology assessment networks,

### **RESOLVES:**

1. To urge Member States to:
  - (a) encourage the establishment of decision-making processes for the incorporation of health technologies based on HTA, including safety, effectiveness, cost, and other relevant criteria;
  - (b) encourage the use of HTA to inform public health policies, including public health system coverage decisions and the development of clinical guidelines and protocols for new technologies;
  - (c) promote efforts to analyze and strengthen institutional frameworks for the incorporation of health technologies and encourage the establishment of transparent processes and linkages with responsibilities defined among the different stakeholders, including regulatory authorities and entities responsible for the assessment and incorporation of health technologies;
  - (d) encourage public procurement transparency, including non-proprietary purchase price information and the sharing of the findings of HTA at the national and regional levels to generate information for decision-making;
  - (e) strengthen institutions and human resources, including assessment teams and decision-makers, in the use of HTA, methods for the implementation of HTA studies in the critical analysis of assessment results;

- (f) encourage the prioritization of assessments based on national and regional needs, strengthening systems for the collection of quality data, and adapting existing HTA studies to avoid duplication;
- (g) promote the production and dissemination of HTA results among stakeholders and those responsible for decision-making;
- (h) promote information sharing through the Regional Platform on Access and Innovation for Health Technologies and other relevant technological platforms;
- (i) strengthen the rational use of health technologies, the development and use of drug formularies, clinical practice guidelines that govern use (including by level of care), as well as systems for monitoring use in integrated health service delivery networks;
- (j) strengthen national, subregional, and regional HTA networks to promote exchange among institutions and countries, and the dissemination and comparison of studies and national experiences;
- (k) actively participate in the Health Technology Assessment Network of the Americas (RedETSA).

2. Request the Director to:

- (a) lend support to the Member States in the development of health technology policies and the strengthening of institutional HTA frameworks and in the incorporation of health technologies in health systems based on primary health care;
- (b) promote the sharing of good practices in HTA and the incorporation of health technologies in health systems among the Member States;
- (c) promote and encourage collaboration with international organizations and existing international HTA networks;
- (d) emphasize to the Member States and in subregional, regional, and global forums the importance of participation in RedETSA, mobilizing resources in support of this initiative together with the Member States;
- (e) promote the development and use of the Regional Platform on Access and Innovation for Health Technologies in the dissemination of HTA results, and the development of HTA communities of practice and social networks at the regional level;

- (f) report to the PAHO Governing Bodies in 2014 on implementation of this resolution and consider the development of a regional strategy and plan of action at that time, in consultation with the Member States, for the assessment and incorporation of health technologies into health systems.

*(Seventh meeting, 21 June 2012)*