



Community Technology Assessment Advisory Board

ABOUT CTAAB

The Community Technology Assessment Advisory Board (CTAAB) was established in 1993 to augment the health care planning process in the Rochester area and to continue the Rochester community's legacy of high quality, affordable health care. CTAAB is an independent board that:

- Reviews selected issues such as new or expanded technology, new or expanded services, and capital expenditures,
- Makes judgments on these issues
- Communicates its decisions to the health care community.

CTAAB is an advisory board only, though CTAAB decisions may have reimbursement implications for applicants. Although its recommendations are not binding to health insurers, the community benefits from this cooperative approach among physicians, community members and payers alike. Payers may use CTAAB's non-binding decisions to help formulate reimbursement policies.

The CTAAB Board reflects the diversity of the Rochester community. There are members representing the business and insurance community, consumers, physician groups, health systems and other community groups. Members are drawn from the area covered by CTAAB -- Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates Counties. The CTAAB relies heavily on the Technology Assessment Committee and a Capacity Consultant. Both the Technology Assessment Committee and the Capacity Consultant report their findings to CTAAB for consideration.

The CTAAB represents a wide range of constituencies who share a common interest in the community's total health care system. Accordingly, recommendations of the CTAAB will be communicated to all interested parties, as well as to the community at large.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

The organization's purpose is to augment and provide an independent, professional, and community-oriented appraisal to the health care planning process in a nine- county region (Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates). The organization will advise the payers, the providers, and other interested organizations and parties on the need for, or efficacy of, certain health care services and technologies and trends on a community-wide basis. The recommendations may be used in the development of reimbursement or network adequacy policies. This role of the organization is advisory only, and its recommendations shall not be binding in any way on the payers. CTAAB will assess community need for new or expanded medical services, new or expanded technology, and major capital expenditures. A review by CTAAB will be guided by the following principles:

- Achieving and maintaining a health care system with adequate capacity to support community need,
- Promoting patient access to necessary services,
- Avoiding duplicative health care services and technology, and
- Appropriately containing costs.