

the evidence about the outcomes of the intervention, service or programme? Eg. randomized clinical trials, evidence on patient-related outcomes.

- How did the issue about this case arise - for example, from clinical practice, from a policy setting, from a topic selection process?

QALY or 37,000 Thai Baht. The cost threshold in Thailand (based on societal willingness to pay) is between 100,000 and 300,000 Thai Baht (\$3,000 - 9,000) which approximates to one to three times per capita GDP. The WHO suggests that technologies below the per capita GDP are very cost-effective, those between one and three times GDP are cost-effective, and above three times are not cost-effective (WHO, 2002). The per QALY cost of adult diapers for the disabled therefore made them cost-effective, and well below even the lower threshs -6 (h) c1an 2 (e)l vrl- 36-8to(e) -2 (1 Tf2 (n) (-) (n

3. Policy decision: content

Please include information on as many of the following as are relevant to this case:

- What decision was made about the intervention, service or program, if any?
- What values were relevant in the case or in the decision itself? For example, values of cost-effectiveness, clinical effectiveness, justice/equity, solidarity or autonomy. How did they affect the decision itself?
- Was the way in which these values were balanced affected by any specific features of the case? For example, end of life considerations, age of patients, impact on carers, disease severity, innovative nature of the intervention, social stigma or cultural sensitivity?
- Did the case challenge established guidance or 'decision rules'? Eg. on cost-effectiveness, cost thresholds, age discrimination etc. If so, in what way?
- Were any health system-wide considerations influential in the decision? For example, displacement of old technologies, professional practice issues, or infrastructure/feasibility considerations.

Policy decision: content

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4. Discussion

Please use this space to reflect on, for example:

- The reasons or values explicitly used in making the decision. Do these reflect any institutional decision rules or statements of value, for example commitments to equality, non-discrimination or fairness? Do they reflect wider social, moral, cultural, religious values, and if so how?
- Considerations not explicitly taken into account in the decision, but

Discussion

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