



Cost-Benefit-Assessment Industry`s Perspective

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Cost-Benefit-Assessment (CBA) is new for Germany!

- We are dealing tonight with the instrument of the health economic assessment and not with the „benefit assessment“, performed by the German IQWiG thus far.
- The massive skepticism about the „benefit assessment“ remains unchanged.
- Cost-Benefit-Assessment is a different concept that is directed to the future and points to new perspectives in health politics.

Methods of Cost-Benefit-Assessment

- There are international standards for cost-benefit assessment (CBA) methods.
- CBA should always be conducted primarily from a perspective of the society as a whole.
- Health-economic modeling is the basic technique for the CBA and is to be used as a standard.
- The data basis shall consist of studies of all degrees of evidence.

Cost-Benefit-Assessment and appraisal

- Institute for Quality and Efficiency in Health Care (IQWiG) can be commissioned to conduct assessments, but it should not be authorised to determine and frame ethical, moral and societal values.

Processing of Cost-Benefit-Assessment

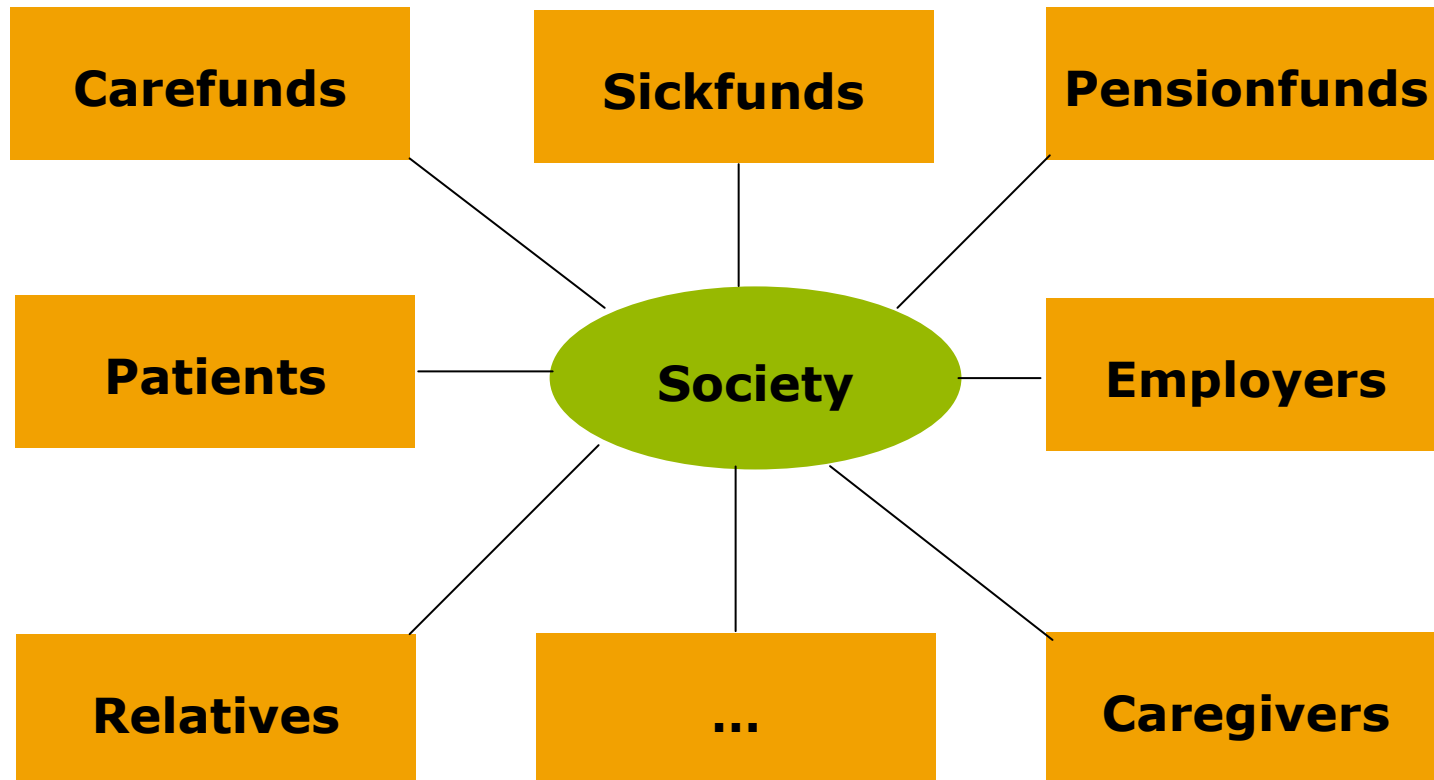
- The integration of the parties to be involved should begin as part of a scoping workshop at the start of the process, which will jointly define the following:
 - The problems to be reviewed;
 - The comparative therapies to be selected;
 - The patient-relevant benefits and outcomes; and
 - The methodology to be applied.

Scoping-Workshop

- Generating knowledge
- Inclusion of all stake and knowledge holders
 - e.g. patients, employers, caregivers

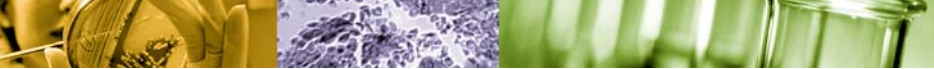
- Benefit from the patient's perspective: quality of life!

CBA: a change of perspective !



Political implications of CBA

- Beyond cost-containment:
The scope of a sustainable cost-benefit analysis is more than “just the costs”
- Beyond “just sick-funds”:
The perspective of sick-funds **does not** represent the interests and perceptions of all relevant players
- Focus on patients !
Focus on patients’ quality of life



Thank you

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