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Discharge Summary
Release Note

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Discharge Summary documents support the transfer of a patient from a hospital back to the care of their nominated primary healthcare provider.

They capture details about the patient's hospital stay, including the diagnosis, diagnostic procedures performed, the prognosis, medications prescribed and follow-up actions recommended.

The My Health Record system supports the collection of Discharge Summary documents. When a healthcare provider creates a Discharge Summary document, it will be sent directly to the nominated primary healthcare provider, as per current practices. A copy may also be sent to the individual's digital health record.

Release rationale

Default template packages for Discharge Summary requires an external HPI-I to be recorded when uploading information to My Health Record. Stakeholder feedback has suggested that in the absence of a comprehensive national provider directory, these HPI-Is are unable to be reliably sourced by healthcare organisations that are currently uploading clinical documents to My Health Record and present a barrier for transition to default template packages.

As a result, the Agency has decided that, going forward, the requirement to capture the HPI-I of external providers will be amended until such time as a national provider directory capability is in place (to be delivered by HealthConnect Phase 1a).

New template packages have been created to relax the HPI-I requirement for certain fields, as outlined in the Scope section below.

This release of the Discharge Summary includes the following changes to the *Discharge Summary My Health Record Conformance Profile*:

- Revision of HPI-I relaxation with change in document version from 1.6 to 1.7

- Update to the 2.3.3 Relaxation inclusions for HPI-I

Package inclusions

New

Identifier	Name and version
DH-4228:2025	Discharge Summary - Release Note v1.7 (this document)
DH-4227:2025	Discharge Summary - My Health Record Conformance Profile v1.7
DH-4237:2025	Discharge Summary - Template Package Library v1.7

Updated (supersedes previous version)

Identifier	Name and version

No change

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NEHTA-0960:2012	eDischarge Summary – CDA Implementation Guide v3.4
NEHTA-0962:2012	eDischarge Summary – P2P Delivery Technical Service Specification v1.3
NEHTA-0965:2011	eDischarge Summary – Structured Document Template v3.3
NEHTA-0961:2011	eDischarge Summary – Core Information Components v1.1.2
NEHTA-1151:2010	eDischarge Summary – Business Requirements Specification v1.1
NEHTA-1279:2013	eDischarge Summary – FAQ Speciality in eDischarge Summary v1.1

Removed (archived or withdrawn)

Identifier	Name and version

Scope

Discharge Summary - Template Package Library v1.7 relaxes the requirement for an HPI-I for external healthcare professionals, such as the healthcare recipient's Nominated Primary Healthcare Provider, while continuing to mandate an HPI-I for internal healthcare providers (i.e., those employed by the organisation), such as the author of the Discharge Summary clinical document. Refer to the *Changes* section for the list of data elements where HPI-I requirements have been relaxed.

The template package library v1.7 now contains the following template packages:

Document type variant	Conformance level	Template package ID	Build ID
Semi HPII default	1A	1.2.36.1.2001.1006.1.20000.38	40742
Semi HPII default	1B	1.2.36.1.2001.1006.1.20000.39	40742

Semi HPII default	2	1.2.36.1.2001.1006.1.20000.40	40742
Semi HPII default	3A	1.2.36.1.2001.1006.1.20000.41	40742
Semi HPII default	3B	1.2.36.1.2001.1006.1.20000.42	40742

Systems uploading a clinical document to the My Health Record system need to provide the correct template package identifier. The full list of published template packages can be found in the Template Package Directory.

Stakeholders

The following stakeholders have been involved in the development of this release:

• Developers of systems generating Discharge Summary documents.

• My Health Record System Operator;

• National Infrastructure Operator.

Audience

The intended audience of this document includes:

• Developers of systems generating Discharge Summary documents;

• My Health Record System Operator;

• National Infrastructure Operator;

• Senior managers and policy makers, support teams and system integrators.

Capabilities

N/A

Additions

N/A

Changes

HPI-I requirements are relaxed for the following data elements in the Semi HPI-I default document type. If the HPI-I is known and available, it may still be provided; however, it is not mandatory for these data elements.

Clinical Document	Document type variant	Conformance Level	Data Elements on which HPI-I requirements are relaxed
Discharge Summary - Template Package Library v1.7	Semi HPII default	1A, 1B, 2, 3A, 3B	Recommendation Recipient
			Other Participant
			Nominated Primary Healthcare Provider
			Arranged Services Service Provider

Removals

N/A

Known issues

None.

Support

For further support or to provide feedback, please email help@digitalhealth.gov.au

Future releases

Not known so delete this section

Previous releases

Date	Version
06 July 2025	EP-3415:2022 Discharge Summary 1.6 **Release rationale** This minor release of the Discharge Summary includes the following change to *the Discharge Summary – My Health Record Conformance Profile*: • Document subtyping introduced to improve clinical document discoverability.
24 Jul 2018	EP-2656:2018 Discharge Summary v1.5.2 **Release rationale** This incremental release of the Discharge Summary end product introduces the updated template package library as a new product component.
18 Aug 2014	EP-1748:2014 Discharge Summary v1.5.1 **Release rationale** This incremental release of the Discharge Summary end product introduces the template package library as a new product component. This version of the template package library contains all template packages available for the Discharge Summary document type at the time of publication.
9 Oct 2013	EP-1429:2013 eDischarge Summary v1.5 **Release rationale** The scope of this release is constrained to the eDischarge Summary PCEHR Conformance Profile for Clinical Documents v1.5. This includes requirements for the generation, distribution and receipt of discharge summaries for admitted patients, primarily from hospitals to general practitioners, but allowing the same content to be sent to other relevant recipients. The information may be used by the nominated primary provider to update their local record and the My Health Record.
14 Aug 2012	EP-1152:2012 eDischarge Summary v1.4 **Release rationale** The scope of this release is constrained to the Discharge Summary Conformance Profile for Clinical Documents v1.4. These Discharge Summary specifications include requirements for the generation, distribution and receipt of discharge summaries for admitted patients, primarily from hospitals to general practitioners, but allowing the same content to be sent to other relevant recipients. The information may be used by the nominated primary provider to update their local record and the My Health Record.
12 May 2012	EP-0935:2012 eDischarge Summary v1.3 Release Note **Release rationale** This release bundle has been updated to support the eDischarge Summary availability via the PCEHR. The Solution Bundle includes updates to the CDA Implementation Guide as informed by several NEHTA teams (Implementation; Compliance, Conformance and Accreditation; Reference Platform; and Clinical Terminology and Information). Other products have been updated as a result of the CDA Implementation Guide re-release including Point to Point Logical Service Specification and Technical Service Specification. Additional product components in this release include Schematron Libraries, CDA Library, CDA Validator and Clinical Document Test Data to assist vendors to test message

Date	Version
30 Aug 2010	EP-1149:2010 eDischarge Summary v1.1
	Release rationale
	Release of eDischarge Summary - Business Requirements Specification v1.1.
31 Jul 2009	EP-1140:2009 eDischarge Summary v1.0
	Release rationale
	Release of National Discharge Summary - Data Content Specifications v1.0.

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