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## eReferral Release Note

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Approved for external use  
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eReferral documents facilitate the transmission of significant patient information from one treating healthcare provider to another for the purpose of making a request for further diagnosis or treatment.

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

### Release rationale

Default template packages for eReferral 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-I's 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 eReferral includes the following changes to the *eReferral – My Health Record Conformance Profile v1.5*:

- Revision of HPI-I relaxation with change in document version from 1.4 to 1.5
- Update to the 3.3.3 Relaxation inclusions for HPI-I

## Package inclusions

### New

Identifier	Name and version
DH4231:2025	eReferral - Release Note v1.5 (this document)
DH-4230:2025	eReferral – My Health Record Conformance Profile v1.5
<b>DH-4238:2025</b>	eReferral- Template Package Library v1.5

### Updated (supersedes previous version)

Identifier	Name and version
EP-1747:2014	eReferral v1.4.1

### No change

Identifier	Name and version
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### Removed (archived or withdrawn)

Identifier	Name and version
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## Scope

eReferral- Template Package Library v1.5 relaxes the requirement for an HPI-I for external healthcare professionals, such as the healthcare recipient's Usual GP, while continuing to mandate an HPI-I for internal healthcare providers (i.e., those employed by the organisation), such as the author of the eReferral clinical document. Refer to the *Changes* section for the list of data elements where HPI-I requirements have been relaxed.

The template package library now contains the following template packages:

Document type variant	Conformance level	Template package ID	Build ID
Semi HPII default	1A	1.2.36.1.2001.1006.1.21000.23	40746
Semi HPII default	1B	1.2.36.1.2001.1006.1.21000.24	40746

Semi HPII default	2	1.2.36.1.2001.1006.1.21000.25	40746
Semi HPII default	3A	1.2.36.1.2001.1006.1.21000.26	40746
Semi HPII default	3B	1.2.36.1.2001.1006.1.21000.27	40746

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:  
The updates performed for this incremental release of the end product did not warrant any stakeholder consultations.

## Audience

- Implementers of clinical systems producing or consuming eReferral clinical documents
- Senior managers and policy makers, clinical experts, health information managers, IT operations and support teams, and system integrators
- Technical and non-technical readers

## Capabilities

N/A

## Additions

N/A

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## 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 variant	Conformance Level	Data Elements on which HPI-I requirements are relaxed
eReferral- Template Package Library v1.5	Semi HPII default	1A, 1B, 2, 3A, 3B	Referee
			Usual GP
			Requested Service, Service Provider

## Removals

N/A

## **Known issues**

None

## **Support**

For further support or to provide feedback, please email [help@digitalhealth.gov.au](mailto:help@digitalhealth.gov.au)

## **Future releases**

Not known so delete this section

## Previous releases

Date	Version
18 Aug 2014	<a href="#">EP-1747:2014 eReferral v1.4.1</a> <b>Release rationale</b> This incremental release of the eReferral end product introduces the <i>Template Package Library</i> as a new product component. This version of the template package library contains all template packages available for the eReferral document type at the time of publication.
19 Oct 2013	<a href="#">EP-1431:2013 eReferral v1.4</a> <b>Release rationale</b> This release of the eReferral end product introduces updates to the conformance profile for eReferral documents, as mandated by the following approved change requests.
13 Mar 2012	<a href="#">EP-0936:2012 eReferrals v1.3</a> <b>Release rationale</b> This release bundle has been updated to support the eReferrals 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 capability and conformance.

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