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Transition of terms

Certain terms used within the context of this document have changed. The table provides a clear comparison of the historical terms used in text and their current equivalents for your reference.

Historical term	Current term
National eHealth Transition Authority (NEHTA)	The Australian Digital Health Agency (ADHA)
Personally controlled electronic health record (PCEHR)	My Health Record (MHR)

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

This document lists the specific conformance requirements for the Personal Health Notes documents that are in addition to the *Clinical Documents - Common Conformance Profile* [NEHTA2015a]. Both documents represent the complete conformance requirements for Personal Health Notes documents.

1.2 Intended audience

This document is intended for the following organisations:

- vendors and developers of connecting systems; and
- software test laboratories

1.3 Scope

The scope of this conformance profile is the use of Personal Health Notes documents in the context of the My Health Record system, that is, in a “point-to- share” environment.

2 Personal Health Notes

This section describes the conformance criteria specific to the Personal Health Notes document type.

2.1 Relevant specifications

Relevant specifications are listed below:

1. *Consumer Entered Notes Structured Content Specification* [NEHTA2011a]
2. *Consumer Entered Notes CDA Implementation Guide* [NEHTA2011b]

2.2 Objects of conformance

027384 Types of producers

A Personal Health Notes document **SHALL** only be produced by:

- Registered consumer portals
- Registered care agency employee portals

Priority Mandatory

Additional Notes Care agency employee portals are only available to employees who have a care agency employee identifier assigned to them. A care agency employee is typically not a healthcare provider.

027385 Types of consumers

A Personal Health Notes document **SHALL** only be consumed by:
Registered consumer portals.

Priority Mandatory

2.3 Conformance criteria for producers

027386 Document conformance levels

A CDA document sent to the My Health Record system **SHALL** conform to the requirements for one, and only one, of the following conformance levels: 3A or 3B, as defined in *Clinical Documents - Common Conformance Profile* [NEHTA2015a].

Priority Mandatory

027388 Support for authorship by care agency employees

The Personal Health Notes document **SHALL** permit a care agency employee identifier to be stored as the document author's identifying number.

Priority Mandatory

Additional Notes In some cases, the author of an individual's Personal Health Note document may be a care agency employee whose identity is not associated with an IHI. The care agency employee identifier may be used instead of an IHI.

Glossary

Acronyms

Acronym	Description
CDA	Clinical Document Architecture
HL7	Health Level Seven

Glossary terms

Term	Description
Clinical Document Architecture (CDA)	An HL7 standard intended to specify the encoding, structure and semantics of clinical documents for exchange.
conformance	Conformance is a measurement (by testing) of the adherence of an implementation to a specification or standard.
Health Level Seven (HL7)	HL7 provides standards for the exchange, management and integration of data that supports clinical patient care and the management, delivery and evaluation of healthcare services. Specifically, HL7 creates flexible, cost effective approaches, standards, guidelines, methodologies which enable healthcare information system interoperability and sharing of electronic health records.

References

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- [NEHTA2015a] *Clinical Documents – Common Conformance Profile*, version 1.6, NEHTA, 2015