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Referral
Release Note

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The end product Referral v2.0 supersedes and replaces the previous release eReferral v1.4.1. This release introduces a new clinical document specification, Service Referral v1.1, which replaces the previous eReferral clinical document specifications.

Release rationale

The previous eReferral clinical document specifications were constrained to supporting referrals from a General Practitioner to a private specialist. Referrals to public hospitals, allied health providers or human services providers were not supported. The Service Referral v1.1 specifications expand this scope of use to include any referrals for healthcare or human services. Note that this does not include requesting medications or requesting diagnostic investigations.

There are no current plans for the My Health Record to accept Service Referral v1.1 documents. Service Referral v1.1 is primarily for point-to-point use. The My Health Record continues to accept eReferrals in accordance with end product version v1.4.1, but there are no plans to further develop the eReferral specifications. Implementers are encouraged to transition to the use of service referrals for point-to-point use.

Existing implementations of eReferral will need to be modified to be able to create and send service referrals.

Existing implementations of eReferral that only process headers and section text should be able to receive and render service referrals without modification, although testing of individual implementations should occur to verify this.

Existing implementations that process section entries will need to be modified to be able to process service referrals.

Package inclusions

New

Identifier	Name and version
DH-2675:2018	*Service Referral –Information Requirements v1.1*
DH-2638:2018	*Service Referral – Structured Content Specification v1.1*
DH-2369:2018	*Service Referral – CDA Implementation Guide v1.1*
DH-2703:2018	*Service Referral – Template Package Library v1.1*

Updated (supersedes previous version)

Identifier	Name and version
DH-2727:2018	*Referral – Release Note v2.0* (this document)
DH-2726:2018	*Service Referral – FAQ Referral Resolution Flag v2.0*
DH-2725:2018	*Service Referral – P2P Delivery Technical Service Specification v1.4*

No change

Identifier	Name and version
NEHTA-0571:2009	*eReferral – Environmental Scan - Overview v1.0*

Removed (archived or withdrawn)

Identifier	Name and version
NEHTA-1449:2013	*eReferral – PCEHR Conformance Profile v1.4*
NEHTA-1067:2011	*eReferral – FAQ Vendor advice regarding eReferral questions v1.2*
NEHTA-1155:2011	*eReferral – Business Requirements Specification v1.1*
NEHTA-0968:2011	*eReferral – Core Information Components v1.1.3*
NEHTA-0971:2011	*eReferral – Structured Content Specification v2.1*
NEHTA-0967:2012	*eReferral – CDA Implementation Guide v2.2*
NEHTA-1770:2014	*eReferral – Template Package Library v1.4*

This end product has a dependency on *Clinical Documents - Common Conformance Profile v1.7* published as part of the *Common – Clinical Document* end product.

Scope

Referral v2.0 expands the scope of use to include any referrals for healthcare or human services. Note that this does not include requesting medications or requesting diagnostic investigations.

Stakeholders

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

- Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP)
- Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP)
- Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS)
- Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACCRM)
- Australian Medical Association (AMA)
- Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Healthcare (ACSQHC)
- Australian Primary Healthcare Nurses Association (APNA)
- Australian Private Hospitals Association (APHA)
- The Australian College of Nursing and Aged and Community Services Australia (ACSA)
- Ambulance Victoria
- Australian Day Hospitals Association (ADHA)
- Catholic Health Australia (CHA)
- Australian Dental Association (ADA)
- Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory (AMSANT)
- Allied Health Professions Australia (AHPA)
- Leading Age Services Australia (LASA)
- Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA)
- Australian Information Industry Association (AIIA)
- Medical Software Industry Association (MSIA)
- Consumers Health Forum (CHF)
- Medical Insurance Group Australia
- Queensland Health
- Australian Capital Territory Health
- New South Wales Health
- National Health Chief Information Officers Forum (NHCIOF)
- Department of Health (Commonwealth)
- Department of Human Services (Commonwealth)
- Victorian Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
- Best Practice
- CSC
- Global Health
- Healthdirect Australia
- Health IQ
- Telstra Health
- Healthlink
- Medical Director
- Ocean Informatics
- Orion Health
- Smarthealth
- Health Engine

Audience

- Implementers of clinical systems producing or consuming Referral 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

The capability of the product has been expanded to support referrals to any healthcare or human services provider.

Known issues

Known issues are listed within the following product components:

- *Service Referral – Information Requirements v1.1*

- *Service Referral – Structured Content Specification v1.1*

- *Service Referral – CDA Implementation Guide v1.1*

Support

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

Future releases

Future releases of the Referrals end product may expand the capabilities to include workflow coordination notification support, and smartform support.

Previous releases

Date	Version
18 Apr 2014	EP-1747:2014 eReferral v1.4.1

Release note

Release rationale

This incremental release of the eReferral 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 eReferral document type at the time of publication.

Of those template packages, the following are aligned with *eReferral - PCEHR Conformance Profile v1.4*[1]:

Document type variant	Conformance level	Template package ID
HPIIRelaxed	1A	1.2.36.1.2001.1006.1.21000.13
HPIIRelaxed	1B	1.2.36.1.2001.1006.1.21000.14
HPIIRelaxed	2	1.2.36.1.2001.1006.1.21000.15
HPIIRelaxed	3A	1.2.36.1.2001.1006.1.21000.16
HPIIRelaxed	3B	1.2.36.1.2001.1006.1.21000.17
default	1A	1.2.36.1.2001.1006.1.21000.18
default	1B	1.2.36.1.2001.1006.1.21000.19
default	2	1.2.36.1.2001.1006.1.21000.20
default	3A	1.2.36.1.2001.1006.1.21000.21
default	3B	1.2.36.1.2001.1006.1.21000.22

Future versions of the template package library will contain template packages aligned with the latest version of the PCEHR Conformance Profile, but not previous versions.

The full list of published template packages can be found in the *Template Package Directory*[2] published as part of the *Common – Clinical Document* end product.

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[1] https://developer.digitalhealth.gov.au/specifications/clinical-documents/ep-1431-2013/nehta-1449-2013
[2] https://developer.digitalhealth.gov.au/specifications/clinical-documents/ep-1754-2014/nehta-1738-2014

Date	Version
19 Oct 2013	EP-1431:2013 eReferral v1.4

Release note

Release rationale

This release of the eReferral end product introduces updates to the conformance profile for eReferral documents, as mandated by the following approved change requests.

More detailed information about the referenced change requests is provided in the Capabilities section of this document and can be accessed by following the provided hyperlinks.

Change Request ID	Change request title	Impact on this release
CCB-0116	Relaxation of the mandatory use of HPI-Is in uploaded documents	New conformance requirement added for inclusion of local identifier in case of HPI-I omission
CCB-0222	Support for CSP Certificates in CDA Documents	Removed conformance requirements for digital signatures. This requirement has been replaced with an expanded conformance requirement in the *Clinical Documents - Common Conformance Profile v1.4*.

The name of this end product has been aligned with the naming conventions for other NEHTA end products containing specifications for clinical document types. Its name has been changed from "eReferrals" to "eReferral".

This end product has a dependency on: NEHTA-1446:2013 *Clinical Documents - Common Conformance Profile v1.4* (part of EP-1457:2013 Common – Clinical Document v1.1).

Date	Version
13 Mar 2012	EP-0936:2012 eReferrals v1.3

Release note

Release rationale

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.

Date	Version
Withdrawn	eReferrals v1.2
11 Nov 2011	EP-1154:2011 eReferrals v1.1
1 Nov 2009	EP-1153:2009 eReferrals v1.0

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