



## Advance Care Planning Release Note

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### Release rationale

Advance Care Planning documents are included in the My Health Record system to provide increased accessibility to a consumer's advance care planning information nationwide.

Advance care planning information can include a statement by a competent person expressing decisions about his or her future care, should they become incapable of participating in medical treatment decisions. These statements are currently recorded in paper-based advance care directives. Advance care directives can also be made by someone with the appropriate authority, on behalf of an individual who is without capacity. The consequences of acting on an individual's preferences, as set out in an advance care directive, can be significant, sometimes final.

The completed paper-based directive is kept in a safe place, and copies of the document are given to the individual's family, aged care provider, solicitor or appointed attorney for health matters.

The scope of an electronic Advance Care Planning document is to make an individual's advance care planning information available through the individual's My Health Record.

This is the first release of this end product. It contains the technical specifications for the Advance Care Planning document type.

### Package inclusions

Identifier	Name and version
DH-2323:2017	<i>Advance Care Planning – Release Note v1.0</i> (this document)
DH-1532:2017	<i>Advance Care Information – CDA™<sup>1</sup> Implementation Guide v1.0</i>
DH-1531:2017	<i>Advance Care Information – Structured Content Specification v1.0</i>
DH-2591:2017	<i>Advance Care Planning – My Health Record Conformance Profile v1.0</i>
DH-2590:2017	<i>Advance Care Planning – Template Package Library v1.0</i>

<sup>1</sup> CDA is a trademark of Health Level Seven International and is registered with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

## Stakeholders

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

- Commonwealth Department of Health;
- National Infrastructure Operator;
- State and territory health departments.

## Audience

The intended audience of this document includes:

- Developers and implementers of My Health Record-enabled software products;
- Senior managers and policy makers, clinical experts, health information managers, IT operations and support teams and system integrators.

## Known issues

None.

## Support

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

## Future releases

No future releases are planned for this end product; however, an update may be required if issues are identified during the build and implementation of these specifications.

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