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Specialist Letter
Release Note

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Related end product identifier: EP-3486:2022

Release rationale

This minor release of the Specialist Letter includes the following change to the *Specialist Letter – My Health Record Conformance Profile*:

- Document subtyping introduced to improve clinical document discoverability.

The following change was also made to the *Specialist Letter – Template Package Library*:

- List of non-critical and non-clinical terminology validations removed from template packages. Previous versions of the template packages performed extensive validations of such terminologies; these have now been removed to ensure My Health Record rejections are not occurring due to minor terminology misalignments.

Please refer to the Change Details section below for further details.

The changes in this release are backwards compatible with the current template package.

Package inclusions

New

None

Updated (supersedes previous version)

Identifier	Name and version
DH-3483:2022	*Specialist Letter – My Health Record Conformance Profile v1.6*
DH-3484:2022	*Specialist Letter – Release Note v1.4* (this document)
DH-3485:2022	*Specialist Letter – Template Package Library v1.4*

No change

Identifier	Name and version
NEHTA-0974:2012	*Specialist Letter – P2P Delivery Technical Service Specification v1.1*
NEHTA-0973:2011	*Specialist Letter – Core Information Components v1.0*
NEHTA-0983:2011	*Specialist Letter – Structured Content Specification v1.1*
NEHTA-0966:2012	*Specialist Letter – CDA Implementation Guide v1.3*
NEHTA-1065:2012	*Specialist Letter – FAQ Medical History Clarification v1.0*

Removed (archived or withdrawn)

None

Change details

The My Health Record Conformance Profile and Template Packages have been updated to support document discoverability by including document subtypes.

In addition, validations for the following terminologies have been removed from the template packages of this document type:

- TelecommunicationAddressUse
- Health_Care_Client_Name_Usage
- Health_Care_Provider_Organisation_Name_Usage
- AS_5017-2006_Health_Care_Client_Source_of_Death_Notification
- Health_Care_Client_Identifier_Address_Purpose
- Health_Care_Client_Electronic_Communication_Medium
- CDA-Act.moodCode
- HL7_ObservationInterpretationNormality
- Australian_Postal_Delivery_Number
- Australian_Postal_Delivery_Type_Code
- Australian_Street_Suffix_Code
- Australian_Unit_Type
- ISO3166-1 (Countries)
- 0 - ANZSCO - Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations, First Edition, Revision 1
- 0 - ANZSCO - Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations, First Edition, 2006
- Coded_DataType_NullFlavor

The template package library now contains the following template packages:

Document type variant	Conformance level	Template package ID	Build ID
HPIIRelaxed	1A	1.2.36.1.2001.1006.1.16615.33	40691
HPIIRelaxed	1B	1.2.36.1.2001.1006.1.16615.34	40691
HPIIRelaxed	2	1.2.36.1.2001.1006.1.16615.35	40691
HPIIRelaxed	3A	1.2.36.1.2001.1006.1.16615.36	40691
HPIIRelaxed	3B	1.2.36.1.2001.1006.1.16615.37	40691
Default	1A	1.2.36.1.2001.1006.1.16615.38	40691
Default	1B	1.2.36.1.2001.1006.1.16615.39	40691
Default	2	1.2.36.1.2001.1006.1.16615.40	40691
Default	3A	1.2.36.1.2001.1006.1.16615.41	40691
Default	3B	1.2.36.1.2001.1006.1.16615.42	40691

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.*

Known issues

None

Stakeholders

The following stakeholders were engaged for the development of this release:

- Developers of systems generating Specialist Letter documents;
- My Health Record System Operator;
- National Infrastructure Operator.

Audience

The intended audience of this document includes:

- Developers of systems generating Specialist Letter documents;
- My Health Record System Operator;
- National Infrastructure Operator;
- Senior managers and policy makers, support teams and system integrators.

Support

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

Previous releases

Date	Version
25 Sept 2014	EP-1796:2014 Specialist Letter v1.3 Release Note **Release rationale** This new version of the Specialist Letter end product introduces a variation of requirements for inclusion of HPI-I and HPI-O.
18 Aug 2014	EP-1753:2014 Specialist Letter v1.2.1 Release Note **Release rationale** This incremental release of the Specialist Letter end product introduces the template package library as a new product component.
9 Sept 2013	EP-1433:2013 Specialist Letter v1.2 Release Note **Release rationale** This release of the Specialist Letter v1.2 end product introduces updates to the PCEHR Conformance Profile for Specialist Letter documents.
22 May 2012	EP-0937:2012 Specialist Letter v1.1 Release Note **Release rationale** The aim of these Specialist Letter specifications is to provide the high-level requirements for the generation, distribution and receipt of a Specialist Letter between specialists and general practitioners. The information may be used by the nominated primary provider to update their local record and the My Health Record.

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