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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)

Related end product identifier: EP-3859:2025

Release Rationale

This minor release provides an update of the Template Package Directory and a new guide to support the implementation of subtyped clinical documents.

Template Package Directory v1.15

The Template Package Directory now includes additional entries for template packages introduced or updated as part of the following specification releases:

- eHealth Pathology Report v1.2.3
- eHealth Pathology Report v2.1 & v2.1.1
- eHealth Diagnostic Imaging Report v1.2.3
- Goals of Care v1.0.1
- Advance Care Planning v1.1.1
- Aged Care Transfer Summary v1.0 & v1.1
- Aged Care Support Plan v1.0

Implementation Guidance for Uploading and Viewing Subtyped Clinical Documents v1.0

This implementation guidance is for software vendors to support uploading and viewing of clinical document subtypes in the My Health Record system. Viewing includes being able to search and discover clinical document subtypes in a consumer's My Health Record.

Software vendors should evaluate this guidance against specific use cases and workflows and may adopt different measures to support both uploading and viewing of subtyped clinical documents.

Package inclusions

New

Identifier	Name and version
DH-4007:2024	*Clinical Documents - Implementation Guidance for Uploading and Viewing Subtyped Clinical Documents v1.0*

Updated (supersedes previous version)

Identifier	Name and version
DH-3862:2025	*Clinical Documents – Template Package Directory v1.15*
DH-3861:2025	*Clinical Documents - Release Note v1.7* (this document)

No change

Identifier	Name and version
NEHTA-1229:2011	*Clinical Documents – CDA Package v1.0*
NEHTA-1199:2012	*Clinical Documents – CDA Rendering Specification v1.0*
NEHTA-1226:2011	*Clinical Documents – Clinical Package v1.0*
DH-2481:2017	*Clinical Documents – Common Conformance Profile v1.7*
DH-3153:2020	*Clinical Documents – Conformance Test Specification for CDA Authoring Systems v1.2*
NEHTA-2065:2015	*Clinical Documents – Conformance Test Specification for CDA Packaging v1.5*
NEHTA-2064:2016	*Clinical Documents – Conformance Test Specification for CDA Rendering v1.4*
NEHTA-2063:2015	*Clinical Documents – Conformance Test Specification for PCEHR Usability v3.0*
NEHTA-2189:2015	*Clinical Documents – Conformance Test Specification for My Health Record Views v1.0*
NEHTA-1255:2012	*Clinical Documents – FAQ Appropriate use of date and date-time values in Clinical Documents v1.0*
NEHTA-1274:2013	*Common - Continuity of Care – FAQ Global Statements None Known v1.1*
NEHTA-1276:2013	*Clinical Documents – FAQ Hash value verification v1.0*
DH-2809:2019	*Clinical Documents – FAQ OIDs for HL7 v1.2*
DH-2594:2017	*Clinical Documents – FAQ Qualifiers for Clinical Information v1.0*
NEHTA-1459:2013	*Common - Continuity of Care – FAQ Undifferentiated Pathology and Radiology Results v1.3*
DH-2788:2019	*Clinical Documents – Implementation Guidance - Masking of Address and Communication Details in Clinical Documents v1.1*
NEHTA-1097:2011	*Clinical Documents – Implementation Guidance - Representing Coding in CDA Documents v1.0*
DH-2267:2017	*Clinical Documents – My Health Record Usability Recommendations v1.4*
NEHTA-1328:2013	*Clinical Documents – Supplementary Notes for Implementers Relating to Clinical Document Presentation v1.0*

Removed

None

Audience

This document is intended for:

- developers of clinical information systems and contracted service provider systems
- IT operations and support teams
- system integrators
- the National Infrastructure Operator.

Known issues

We have identified the following open issues in this release:

- None

Support

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

Future releases

Further changes may occur from time to time in accordance with customer feedback or changes to source information. Supplementary guidance may also be provided from time to time based on implementation experience from vendors.

Previous releases

<table>
<tr><th>Document version</th><th>Date</th><th>Release rationale</th></tr>
<tr><td>EP-3435:2022 Common – Clinical Document v1.6
Release note</td><td>14 December 2022</td><td>This minor release provides an update of the Template Package Directory. The Template Package Directory now includes additional entries for template packages introduced or updated as part of the following specification releases:
Australian Immunisation Register v1.2
Discharge Summary v1.6
eHealth Pathology Report v2.0
Event Summary v1.5
Specialist Letter v1.4
The contents of FAQ Clarification on Messaging and CDA Packaging v1.4 document have been merged into the Use of HL7 v2 MDM message for CDA package v2.4 document, of the Secure Messaging v1.1 end product:<table><tr><th></th><th>End product</th><th>Document name</th></tr><tr><td>Previous location</td><td>Common – Clinical Document v1.5</td><td>FAQ Clarification on Messaging and CDA Packaging v1.4</td></tr><tr><td>New location</td><td>Secure Messaging v1.1</td><td>Use of HL7 v2 MDM message for CDA package v2.4</td></tr></table></td></tr>
<tr><td>EP-3149:2020 Common – Clinical Document v1.5.4
Release note</td><td>31 March 2020</td><td>This incremental release provides updates for the following supplementary guidance:
Template Package Directory
Conformance Test Specification for CDA Authoring Systems
Template Package Directory v1.13 aligns the template packages of the Advance Care Planning document type with the latest version of its conformance profile, v1.1.
Conformance Test Specification for CDA Authoring Systems v1.2 contains updated test cases, in alignment with the latest version of the Common Conformance Profile, v1.7.</td></tr>
<tr><td>EP-3099:2020 Common – Clinical Document v1.5.3
Release note</td><td>13 March 2020</td><td>This incremental release of the end product provides an updated Template Package Directory. It now includes template packages for the following clinical document types:
Goals of Care v1.0
Pharmacist Shared Medicines List v1.1
Pharmacist Shared Medicines List v1.1.1</td></tr>
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EP-2807:2019 Common – Clinical Document v1.5.2 Release note	28 February 2019	This release provides important supplemental guidance for developers as well as an updated Template Package Directory: • Masking of Address and Communication Details in Clinical Documents. • OIDs used for identifiers in HL7 v2 messages and CDA documents: HPI-O and ABN-based identifiers • Template Package Directory: Pharmacist Shared Medicines List v1.1
EP-2655:2018 Common – Clinical Document v1.5.1 Release note	01 August 2018	This incremental release provides developers and implementers with an updated *Template Package Directory*, now including the recently published updated template packages for discharge summary documents.
EP-2563:2017 Common – Clinical Document v1.5 Release note	21 December 2017	This release of the Common - Clinical Document end product provides developers of systems generating CDA documents with important updates of: • Clinical Documents - Common Conformance Profile; and • Conformance Test Specification for Authoring Systems. It also introduces a new FAQ document providing important guidance for the usage of qualifiers in structured parts of CDA documents. **Common Conformance Profile v1.7** The Common Conformance Profile has been updated to resolve a number of issues. **Conformance Test Specification for Authoring Systems v1.1** This update of the *Conformance Test Specification for Authoring Systems* includes updates to feature sets, improves the readability of the document, and addresses multiple issues raised during internal agency reviews. **FAQ Qualifiers for Clinical Information v1.0** This document provides guidance to determine whether clinical information system includes qualifiers as expected (or stated or conform to HL7Clinical Document Architecture Release 2.0). **Template Package Directory v1.9** The updated Template Package Directory contains entries for new or updated template packages for the following document types: • Advance Care Planning (first release); • Australian Immunisation Register (first release); • eHealth Diagnostic Imaging Report (replacements); and • eHealth Pathology Report (replacements).

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EP-2395:2017 Common – Clinical Document v1.4.4 Release note	16 June 2017	This incremental release of the Common - Clinical Document end product (EP-2395:2017) introduces the new *Conformance Test Specification for Authoring Systems* and provides updates to *Clinical Documents – My Health Record Usability Recommendations*. ***Clinical Documents – Conformance Test Specification for Authoring Systems v1.0*** This conformance test specification is a significant expansion of the authoring test cases previously available to developers in the *Conformance Test Specification for CDA Rendering v1.3*, which contained test cases for authoring and rendering. This v1.3 document has been superseded by the *Conformance Test Specification for CDA Rendering v1.4* (published in January 2016) and this new *Conformance Test Specification for Authoring Systems v1.0*. The rationale for the expansion of test cases is an analysis of over 600 conformance errors found by the NEHTA CCA team between 2012 and 2015, which covered approximately 50 software development organisations. This new conformance test specification seeks to address those issues. ***Clinical Documents – My Health Record Usability Recommendations v1.4*** This document provides usability recommendations for clinical information systems authoring or rendering information contained in clinical documents and views exchanged with the My Health Record system.
EP-2320:2016 Common – Clinical Document v1.4.3 Release note	19 May 2016	This incremental release of the Common – Clinical Document end product provides updates to the *Clinical Documents – Template Package Directory* to include references to the following product components: • *Advance Care Document Custodian – Conformance Profile v1.0; and* • *Personal Health Summary – Conformance Profile v1.0.* The *FAQ OIDs for HL7* has been revised to correctly show how a Medicare number may be used for an entity identifier for a subject of care. Three FAQs have been moved into this end product from the Common – Continuity of Care end product (which has been archived): • FAQ Nullable Fields Guidance. (This FAQ answers the question: What are the nullable fields in clinical documents conformant to the CDA implementation guides?) • FAQ Global Statements None Known. (This FAQ answers the question: What is the proper use of none known in global exclusion statements?) • FAQ Undifferentiated Pathology and Radiology Results. (This FAQ answers the question: What should we do if our system cannot distinguish between pathology and radiology reports?) The content of these three FAQs has not changed.
EP-2241:2016 Common – Clinical Document v1.4.2 Release note	10 March 2016	This incremental release of the Common – Clinical Document end product provides updates to the Clinical Documents – Template Package Directory to include references to updated: • *eHealth Diagnostic Imaging Report – Conformance Profile v1.1; and* • *eHealth Pathology Report – Conformance Profile v1.1.* This release of the Common – Clinical Document end product aligns with approved change request CCB-0469.

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EP-2231:2016 Common - Clinical Document v1.4.1 Release note	29 January 2016	This incremental release of the Common - Clinical Document end product provides updates of the following product components: • *Clinical Documents – Conformance Test Specification for CDA Rendering; and* • *Clinical Documents – My Health Record Usability Recommendations.* Version 1.4 of the *Conformance Test Specification for CDA Rendering* provides clarifications for many of the test cases, improves the readability of the document, and adds a number of test cases in support of recently published Pathology Report and Diagnostic Imaging Report conformance profiles. Details of the changes are listed in the *Capabilities* section of this release note. Version 1.3 of *Clinical Documents – My Health Record Usability Recommendations* provides usability recommendations for clinical information systems authoring or rendering information contained in clinical documents and views exchanged with the My Health Record system. It is focused on recommendations applicable to *all* types of clinical documents. Additional usability recommendations have been published as follows: • *Shared Health Summary PCEHR Usability Recommendations v1.2;* and • *Event Summary PCEHR Usability Recommendations v1.1*
EP-2198:2015 Common – Clinical Document v1.4 Release note	3 December 2015	This release of the Common - Clinical Document end product provides a new product component, *Conformance Test Specification for PCEHR Views v1.0*, which provides a targeted set of test cases, managed using a Microsoft Excel workbook. This conformance test specification supports the currently published PCEHR views specifications and their conformance requirements. Details of the document are listed in the Capabilities section of the release note. Additionally, four FAQs have been archived and are no longer included in this end product release.
EP-2085:2015 Common - Clinical Document v1.3.1 Release note	15 July 2015	This incremental release of the Common - Clinical Document end product provides updates of the following product components: • *Clinical Documents - Conformance Test Specification for CDA Packaging; and* • *Clinical Documents - Template Package Directory.* Version 1.5 of the *Conformance Test Specification for CDA Packaging* provides clarifications for many of the test cases, improves the readability of the document, and adds a number of test cases in support of recently published CDA packaging-related conformance requirements. Details of the changes are listed in the Capabilities section of this release note. Version 1.5 of the *Template Package Directory* includes references to updated template packages for: • *eHealth Diagnostic Imaging Report v1.1; and* • *eHealth Pathology Report v1.1.* The FAQ Patient Medications has been archived and is no longer included in this end product release. Its contents have been superseded by updates to the latest versions of the CDA Implementation Guides for Event Summary and Specialist Letter document types. This release of the Common – Clinical Document end product aligns with the following approved change requests: CCB-0418; CCB-0419; and CCB-0431.

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EP-1818:2015 Common - Clinical Document v1.3 Release note	10 April 2015	This release of the Common - Clinical Document end product introduces the Conformance Test Specification for PCEHR Usability and provides updates of the *Common Conformance Profile for Clinical Documents* and the *Template Package Directory*. The *Conformance Test Specification for PCEHR Usability v3.0* provides test cases for the assessment of clinical information systems for conformance with the following PCEHR usability recommendations published as part of the Clinical Usability Programme (CUP) Release 3: • *Clinical Documents – PCEHR Usability Recommendations v1.2;* • *Event Summary – PCEHR Usability Recommendations v1.1; and* • *Shared Health Summary – PCEHR Usability Recommendations v1.2.* The updated version of the Common Conformance Profile for Clinical Documents: • clarifies requirements for narrative sections; and • explicitly disallows direct references to XSL stylesheets for all CDA documents. The updated version of the *Template Package Directory* includes references to updated template packages for: • *Event Summary v1.4; and* • *Shared Health Summary v1.5.* This release of the Common – Clinical Document end product aligns with the following approved change requests: CCB-0202; CCB-0309; CCB-0345; CCB-0357; CCB-0380; CCB 0388.
EP-2024:2015 Common - Clinical Document v1.2.2 Release note	17 February 2015	This incremental release of the Common - Clinical Document end product introduces an updated version of the *Template Package Directory*. It includes references to updated template packages for: • *eHealth Dispense Record v1.2; and* • *eHealth Prescription Record v1.2.* These updated template packages now support the inclusion of codes from the Australian Medicines Terminology (AMT) version 3. The changes applied to the template package libraries for these document types are aligned with approved change request CCB-0409.

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EP-1962:2014 Common - Clinical Document v1.2.1 Release note	31 December 2014	This release of the Common – Clinical Documents end product introduces an updated version of the *Common – Clinical Documents - PCEHR Usability Recommendations* document and provides an update of the *Template Package Directory*. *Updated PCEHR Usability Recommendations* This version of the PCEHR Usability Recommendations introduces the concept of a "PCEHR Page" for general practice clinical information systems. The PCEHR Page expands on the Document List concept included in previous CUP releases. In addition, the PCEHR Indicator has been enhanced to provide users with a notification of any new documents available on a patient's PCEHR. For more details, please refer to the Capabilities section of this release note. The updated Common – Clinical Documents - PCEHR Usability Recommendations aligns with updated versions of the Event Summary - PCEHR Usability Recommendations and Shared Health Summary - PCEHR Usability Recommendations. Together, these three documents represent the result of the Clinical Usability Programme (CUP) Release 3. The PCEHR Usability Recommendations have been developed by NEHTA in consultation with key general practice peak bodies to improve the user experience of general practice software products. Vendors of clinical information systems used outside of general practice settings are encouraged to consider the extent to which these recommendations are applicable to their software products. **Updated Template Package Directory** The *Template Package Directory* has been updated to include references to template package libraries published for the following end products: • *eHealth Pathology Report v1.0;* • *eHealth Diagnostic Imaging Report v1.0;* • *Event Summary v1.3.3; and* • *Medicare Overview v1.2.* Support for eHealth Pathology Report and eHealth Diagnostic Imaging Report by the PCEHR system was introduced with PCEHR Release 5 (29 November 2014). The changes applied to the template package libraries for Event Summary and Medicare Overview are aligned with approved change requests CCB-0378 and CCB-0244, respectively.

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<tr><th>Document version</th><th>Date</th><th>Release rationale</th></tr>
<tr><td>EP-1815:2014 Common - Clinical Document v1.2
Release note</td><td>25 September 2014</td><td>This release of the Common – Clinical Documents end product contains updates of the following product components:
Clinical Documents - Common Conformance Profile and
Clinical Documents - Template Package Directory.
The changes to the common conformance profile have been approved as part of change request CCB-0345 and consist of:<table><tr><th>Key</th><th>Category</th><th>Summary of change</th></tr><tr><td>CCP-86</td><td>Addition</td><td>Filenames of attachments now need to match their indicated MIME type.
This decreases the potential for malicious content and provides better rendering support for legitimate attachment content.</td></tr><tr><td>CCP-223</td><td>Addition</td><td>All inline data within XML now needs to be text only.
This ensures that any document that has inline data (such as an exe file) will be rejected by the receiving system.</td></tr><tr><td>CCP-234</td><td>Clarification</td><td>Clarification added that a CDA Header is required for clinical documents at all conformance levels.
This aligns the common conformance profile with the original intent and current practice.</td></tr><tr><td>CCP-238</td><td>Clarification</td><td>Clarification added that conformance points re local identifiers only apply to those local identifiers that are used by healthcare provider organisations.</td></tr></table>The Template Package Directory has been updated to include references to template package libraries published for the following end products:
Specialist Letter v1.3;
Australian Organ Donor Register v1.1; and
Pharmaceutical Benefits Report v1.1.</td></tr>
<tr><td>EP-1754:2014 Common - Clinical Document v1.1.3
Release note</td><td>18 August 2014</td><td>This incremental release of the Common – Clinical Documents end product introduces the Template Package Directory.
The purpose of this new product component is to provide implementers of clinical document specifications and other stakeholders with a comprehensive overview of available template packages and their current status.
The template package directory also contains hyperlinks referring to the download locations of all template packages. For each template package, the hyperlink refers to the location of the template package library containing the template package. Template package libraries are published for each clinical document type and are contained in the end product for the document type.</td></tr>
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EP-1589:2014 Common - Clinical Document v1.1.2 Release note	05 May 2014	This incremental release of the Common - Clinical Document end product introduces *Clinical Documents – PCEHR Usability Recommendations*. This new product component replaces the *Supplementary Guidance for Implementers* product component introduced with the previous version of this end product. The *PCEHR Usability Recommendations* document contains implementation guidance previously published in *Supplementary Guidance for Implementers*. The new format, "usability recommendations", makes it easier for implementers to assess whether their software conforms to the guidance. PCEHR usability recommendations are not part of PCEHR conformance requirements. Only the latter are used as the basis for conformance assessments performed as a prerequisite to PCEHR system integration. PCEHR usability recommendations can be used by implementers to perform usability assessments on a voluntary basis, for example, with the aim of providing their users with a consistently high level of usability. The *PCEHR Usability Recommendations* document also contains additional guidance for implementers, developed as part of NEHTA's Clinical Usability Program (CUP) Release 2. This release also removes the developer resource product components and related product data sheets. These have been republished in two new end products: • *Clinical Documents Integration Toolkit v1.0; and* • *Secure Messaging Integration Toolkit v1.0.* In addition, the document *Reference Platform - Vendor End 2 End Portal v1.4* has been archived as it is no longer relevant. *eSignature - Java Library v1.1.0* has also been archived since it is included in the libraries in the new integration toolkits.
EP-1477:2013 Common - Clinical Document v1.1.1 Release note	24 October 2013	This incremental release of the Common Clinical Document end product introduces supplementary guidance for the implementation of clinical documents, representing a key outcome of NEHTA's Clinical Usability Program (CUP) Release 1. Aligning with the sets of template packages supported by PCEHR Releases 3.5 and 4, updated versions of the CDA Document Library sample code have been provided. This release also introduces a number of product data sheets, each containing the description of a type of non-document product associated with this end product.

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<tr><th>Document version</th><th>Date</th><th>Release rationale</th></tr>
<tr><td>EP-1457:2013 Common - Clinical Document v1.1
Release note</td><td>09 October 2013</td><td>This release of the Common Clinical Document end product introduces updates to the conformance profile for Common Clinical Documents, as mandated by the following approved change requests.
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<tr><th>Change request ID</th><th>Change request title</th><th>Impact on this release</th></tr>
<tr><td>CCB-0116</td><td>Relaxation of the mandatory use of HPI-Is in uploaded documents</td><td>New conformance requirements added for local identifiers.</td></tr>
<tr><td>CCB-0222</td><td>Support for CSP Certificates in CDA Documents</td><td>Conformance requirements regarding digital signatures previously contained in document-type specific Conformance Profiles have been consolidated and revised in this version of the Common Conformance Profile. New conformance requirements added for Legal Authenticator, Approver and Custodian.</td></tr>
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In addition to these changes, the structure of the document has been modified to improve clarity and readability. This structural change does not affect the contents of any of the conformance requirements.</td></tr>
<tr><td>EP-1094:2011 Common - Clinical Document v1.0.2
Release note</td><td>10 November 2011</td><td>This incremental release includes:
updated sample code to address a small change in the CDA packaging library; and
updates to three FAQ title prefixes (document content is unchanged).</td></tr>
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