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VASS checks 51613 and 51614 amended (OP)
Referrer Code vs. Source of Referral: Outpatients and Source of Referral: Outpatients vs. Referring Organisation Code

Previously, any referrals from an Optometrist were captured via the 'Source of Referral: Outpatients' data item under value '08 (Other)'.

The logic behind the consistency checks was that if the 'Source of Referral: Outpatients' was '08 (Other)', then the 'Referrer Code' should be whichever bucket code was most appropriate, except for 'S9999998 (Self Referral)' and the 'Referring Organisation Code' should either be the organisation code where the referring Consultant, Independent Nurse or GP was registered or 'X99998 (Organisation code not applicable)' if the referring organisation was not listed in the National Reference Data Service (NRDS).

[DSCN 2014 / 06](#) extended the values associated with the data item 'Source of Referral' in the Outpatients Data Set to identify referrals received from Optometrists.

A new value '15 (Referral from an Optometrist)' was added.

This resulted in the logic being changed behind the consistency checks specified below:

- '51613 Referrer Code vs. Source of Referral: Outpatients'
- '51614 Source of Referral: Outpatients vs. Referring Organisation Code'.

The logic behind the consistency check 'Referrer Code vs. Source of Referral: Outpatients' has changed so that when the 'Source of Referral' code is '15 - Referral from an Optometrist' then the 'Referrer Code' must be 'R9999981 (Referrer other than above)'.

The logic behind the consistency check 'Source of Referral: Outpatients vs. Referring Organisation Code' has changed so that when the 'Source of Referral' code is '15 - Referral from an Optometrist' then the 'Referring Organisation Code' must be 'X99998 (Organisation code not applicable)'.