



1st April 2024

VASS Check number 50115 (APC) amended Invalid Consultation Code

Following the inclusion of Nurse Activity in the Outpatient Data Set (OP) and Outpatient Referral Data Set (OPR), it has been agreed by Welsh Government to align the APC scope with the OPR/OPA Data sets to include Nurse Led activity.

Currently in the APC Ds, Midwife Led Code Unknown (M9999998) is a valid value. However, Nurse/Midwife Pins and Nurse Led Code Unknown (N9999998) are not valid values. Meaning any use of Nurse Pins is flagged as invalid activity.

The [DSCN 2024 / 02](#) increased the scope of the Admitted Patient Care (APC) to include Nurse Led activity, specifically to:

- Update the definition scope of the APC Ds to encompass nurse led activity.
- Update the Data Item Consultant Code to support the national submission of the Registration Number for any nurse (including midwives) meeting the definition of Clinic Appointment (Non-Consultant/Nurse Led). Where the Registration Number for the nurse or midwife is not registered with the Welsh Reference Data Service (WRDS), that the following codes should be used:
 - M9999998 – Midwife-led Activity – code not known
 - N9999998 – Nurse-led Activity - code not known

The logic behind the following VASS check looks at whether a valid consultant code has been submitted and was updated on 1st April 2024 to include nurse practitioner detail:

- 50115: Invalid Consultant Code