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DATA SET CHANGE NOTICE

A Data Set Change Notice (DSCN) is an information mandate for a new or revised information standard.

This DSCN was approved by the Welsh Information Governance and Standards Board (WIGSB) at its meeting on the 20th May 2010

WIGSB Reference: IGRN 2008 / 024 (2)

Summary:

This DSCN outlines the introduction of date ranges for all values associated with the data items submitted within the Outpatient (OP) Minimum Data Set (MDS).

Data Sets / Returns Affected:

Outpatient Minimum Data Set (OP MDS)

Please address enquiries about this Data Set Change Notice to the Data Standards Team in Health Solutions Wales - email: data.standards@wales.nhs.uk / Tel: 02920 502539

The Welsh Information Governance and Standards Board is responsible for appraising information standards. Submission documents and WIGSB Outcomes relating to the approval of this standard can be found at: http://howis.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/page.cfm?orgid=742&pid=24632

DATA SET CHANGE NOTICE

Outpatient Activity Minimum Data Set (OP MDS) Data Validity Standards

Introduction

A range of data validity standards have been developed for the Outpatient Minimum Data Set (OP MDS). These were mandated via Ministerial Letter (ML/EH/001/010) effective from 1st April 2010. During the development of the standards and the associated monitoring mechanisms required to support them, it became apparent that the NHS Wales Data Dictionary needed to be updated as historical code changes were not reflected in the Dictionary. This addition will ensure that the Dictionary comprehensively outlines all the code values and their valid to/from dates. This will assist LHBs and Trusts in their provision of valid OP activity data.

Many OP MDS data items are also constituents of the Admitted Patient Care (APC) data set. These were updated as part of the work associated with the implementation of the APC Data Validity Standards. This DSCN covers all changes to the remaining data items exclusive to the OP MDS.

The historic codes for all data items used within the OP MDS have been checked back to Version 1.1 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary, with all codes valid before this version being highlighted as pre 28th December 1995.

Description of Change

To update the NHS Wales Data Dictionary to ensure that any historical code changes for all data items within the OP MDS are reflected.

Data Dictionary Version

This DSCN will be reflected in version 3.1 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

Actions Required

Local Health Boards and Trusts are asked to:

- Ensure that the data items they submit within the OP MDS hold valid values in relation to the attendance date that applies to each OP record.

Health Solutions Wales (HSW) is required to:

- Ensure all tools associated with the monitoring and reporting of OP activity data validity (e.g. Validation at Source, OP Data Validity Performance Monitoring Report) fully reflect all the historical code changes outlined within this DSCN.

Appendix A: Table reflecting areas that are impacted as a result of this DSCN

The following table shows all Data Items, Terms and associated areas that are linked with the changes documented within this DSCN.

Data Definition Type	Name	New / Retired / Changed
Data Item	Attendance Category	Changed
Data Item	Attendance Date Status	Changed
Data Item	Attended or Did Not Attend	Changed
Data Item	Carer Support Indicator	Changed
Data Item	Clinical Referral Date Status	Changed
Data Item	Last DNA or Patient Cancelled Date Status	Changed
Data Item	Local Sub Specialty	Changed
Data Item	Location Type Code	Changed
Data Item	Medical Staff Type Seeing Patient	Changed
Data Item	Organisation Code (Code of Provider)	Changed
Data Item	Organisation Code (LHB Area of Residence)	Changed
Data Item	Outcome of Attendance	Changed
Data Item	Patient Referral Date Status	Changed
Data Item	Priority Type (New Patients)	Changed
Data Item	Referrer Code	Changed
Data Item	Service Type Requested	Changed
Data Item	Source of Referral: Outpatients	Changed
Data Item	Waiting List Date Status	Changed

Appendix B: Highlighted changes to be made to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary

Changes to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary are detailed below, with new text being highlighted in **blue** and deletions are shown with a ~~strikethrough.~~ The text shaded in **grey** shows existing text copied from the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

Changed Sections

Attendance Category

(OP mds)

(This data item was formerly known as 'First Attendance' with the new title and data definition taking effect from 1st April 2009)

The first attendance is the start of the Outpatient episode and is the first attendance in a series with the same Consultant or Independent Nurse following a referral.

Format: 1 digit numeric

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
1	New attendance	1st April 2004	
2	Follow up attendance	1st April 2004	
3	Pre-Operative Assessment Attendance	1st April 2009	

Attendance Date Status

(OP mds)

Allows the recording of date supplied or date not applicable for the attendance date.

Format: 1 digit numeric

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
1	Date Supplied	1st April 2004	
8	Date not applicable	1st April 2004	

Attended or Did not Attend

(OP mds)

This indicates whether a person or patient attended for an appointment. If the patient did not attend, it also indicates whether or not advanced warning was given.

Format: 1 digit numeric

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
5	Patient arrived on time or, if late, before the relevant health care professional was ready to see them	1st April 1999	
6	Patient arrived late, after the relevant health care professional was first ready to see them, but was seen	1st April 1999	
7	Patient arrived late and could not be seen	1st April 1999	
8	Did not Phone	1st April 2006	
2	Appointment cancelled by, or on behalf of the patient	1st April 1999	
3	Did not attend - no advanced warning given	1st April 1999	
4	Appointment cancelled or postponed by the health care provider	1st April 1999	

Note:

The classification has been listed in logical sequence rather then in numeric order.

Carer Support Indicator

(EAL mds/ OP mds)

An indication of whether or not care is available to the patient at their normal residence. This does not include any paid support or support from a voluntary organisation, unless the patient is normally resident in a Nursing Home, Group Home or Residential Care Home.

Format: 2 character alpha-numeric

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
01	Yes	1st April 1999	
02	No	1st April 1999	

Clinical Referral Date Status

(OP mds/EAL mds/ OPR ds)

Allows the recording of date supplied or date not applicable for the Clinical Referral Date.

Format: 1 digit numeric

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
1	Date Supplied	1st April 2006	
8	Date not applicable	1st April 2006	

Last DNA or Patient Cancelled Date Status

(EAL mds/ OP mds)

Allows the recording of date supplied or date not applicable for the last DNA or patient cancelled date.

Format: 1 digit numeric

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
1	Date Supplied	1st April 1999	
8	Date not applicable	1st April 1999	
9	Date not known	1st April 1999	20th January 2002

Local Sub Specialty

(APC ds99/ EAL mds/ OP mds/ PP01W)

A locally defined division of clinical work which may cross specialty boundaries.

Format: 3 character alpha-numeric

Treatment Function Code	Local Sub Specialty Code	Valid From	Valid To
NNN Any	000 No appropriate sub-specialty	1st May 1998	
	666 Assessment Unit	1st April 2009	
160 Plastic Surgery	100 Plastic Surgery (non burns)	1st May 1998	
	166 Plastic Surgery (non burns) ASSESSMENT	1st April 2009	
	200 Burns Surgery	1st May 1998	
	266 Burns Surgery ASSESSMENT	1st April 2009	
170 Cardiothoracic Surgery	100 Cardiac Surgery	1st May 1998	
	166 Cardiac Surgery ASSESSMENT	1st April 2009	
	200 Thoracic Surgery	1st May 1998	
	266 Thoracic Surgery ASSESSMENT	1st April 2009	
	300 Paediatric Cardiac Surgery	1st May 1998	
	366 Paediatric Cardiac Surgery ASSESSMENT	1st April 2009	
320 Cardiology	100 Paediatric Cardiology	1st May 1998	
	166 Paediatric Cardiology ASSESSMENT	1st April 2009	
400 Neurology	100 Spinal Injuries	1st May 1998	
	166 Spinal Injuries ASSESSMENT	1st April 2009	
	900 Other Neurology	1st May 1998	
	966 Other Neurology ASSESSMENT	1st April 2009	

This local sub specialty code is a separate field, rather than an extension.

Location Type Code

A classification of location type.

Format: 2 digit numeric

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
01	Clients or patients home	1st April 1999	
02	Health Centre	1st April 1999	
03	Other GMP Premises	1st April 1999	
04	Ward or NHS Hospital Site	1st April 1999	
06	Hospice	1st April 1999	
07	Other Voluntary or Private Hospital or Nursing Home	1st April 1999	
08	Group Home managed by the NHS	1st April 1999	
09	Group Home managed by Local Authority	1st April 1999	
10	Group Home managed by Voluntary or Private Agents	1st April 1999	
11	Other Residential Care Homes managed by Local Authority	1st April 1999	
12	Other Residential Care Homes managed by Voluntary or Private Agents	1st April 1999	
13	NHS Day Care Facility on NHS Hospital Sites	1st April 1999	
14	NHS Day Care Facility on Other sites	1st April 1999	
15	Day Centre managed by Local Authority	1st April 1999	
16	Day Centre managed by Voluntary or Private Agents	1st April 1999	
17	NHS Consultant Clinic Premises on a NHS Hospital Site	1st April 1999	
18	NHS Consultant Clinic Premises off a NHS Hospital Site	1st April 1999	
19	Health Clinic managed by the NHS	1st April 1999	
20	Health Clinic managed by Voluntary or Private Agents	1st April 1999	
21	Resource Centre on NHS Hospital Site	1st April 1999	
22	Resource Centre managed by the NHS off NHS Hospital Site	1st April 1999	
23	Resource Centre managed by Local Authority	1st April 1999	
24	Resource Centre managed by Voluntary or Private Agents	1st April 1999	
25	Professional Staff Group Department on NHS Hospital Site	1st April 1999	
26	Professional Staff Group Department managed by the NHS off NHS Hospital Site	1st April 1999	
27	Professional Staff Group Department managed by Local Authority	1st April 1999	

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
28	Professional Staff Group Department managed by Voluntary or Private Agents	1st April 1999	
29	School Premises managed by Local Authority or Grant Maintained	1st April 1999	
30	School Premises managed by Voluntary or Private Agents	1st April 1999	
31	Other Health or Local Authority Facility on NHS Hospital Site	1st April 1999	
32	Other Health or Local Authority Site managed by the NHS off NHS Hospital Site	1st April 1999	
33	Other Health or Local Authority Site managed by Local Authority	1st April 1999	
34	Other Health or Local Authority Site managed by Voluntary or private Agents	1st April 1999	
35	Prison Department Establishments	1st April 1999	
36	Public Place or Street, or Police Station	1st April 1999	
37	Other locations not classified elsewhere	1st April 1999	
38	NHS Nursing Home	1st April 1999	
39	Other Residential Care Homes managed by the NHS	1st April 1999	

Medical Staff Type Seeing Patient

(OP mds)

A classification of the type of medical staff seeing the patient during an Outpatient attendance: Consultant.

Format: 2 character alpha-numeric

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
01	Consultant	1st April 1999	
02	Member of Consultant firm	1st April 1999	
08	Not applicable (e.g. for Ward Attenders)	1st April 1999	

Organisation Code (Code of Provider)

(APC ds99/ EAL mds/ OP mds/ CC mds/ OPR ds)

This is the organisation code of the health care provider. The provider code identifies the health care provider who is responsible for managing the treatment of the patient.

Notes:

1. Although the healthcare provider identified in this data item is responsible for managing the patient's treatment, it may not necessarily be where the treatment is actually conducted. For example, where the treatment has been sub-contracted to another healthcare provider.

2. For Outpatient Referrals, the Provider Code is that of the organisation receiving the referral, made up of XXX00 where XXX is the NHS Trust Code

Format: 5 character alpha-numeric

Value	Meaning
XAABB	The organisation code for the provider

Default codes:

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
89997	Non-UK provider where no organisation code has been issued	1st April 2004	
89999	Non-NHS UK provider where no organisation code has been requested and issued	1st April 2002	

Organisation Code (LHB Area of Residence)

(APC ds99/EAL mds/OP mds/ RTT/ PP01W/ OPR ds)

The Local Health Board where the patient is resident, identified via the NHS Postcode User Directory. This ensures that the Local Health Board can receive information about the care given to its residents.

Format: 3 character alpha-numeric

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
NAN	The code of the LHB. Codes for Welsh LHBs are listed in Appendix C[3(A)].	N/A	N/A
X98	Not applicable e.g. for overseas visitors	1st April 1996	

Note: For English Residents treated in Wales, use the first 3 characters of the Organisation Code (PCT of Residence), derived from the NACS postcode file.

Outcome of Attendance

(OP mds)

This records the outcome of the Outpatient Attendance:

Format: 1 digit numeric

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
1	*Discharged from Consultant care* *(last attendance) or Independent Nurse*	1st April 1999	31st March 2007
2	*Another appointment given*	1st April 1999	31st March 2007
3	*Appointment to be made at a later date*	1st April 1999	31st March 2007
4	Referral to Treatment Period Start Point	1st April 2007	
5	Referral to Treatment Period Stop Point	1st April 2007	
6	Referral to Treatment Continuation of Status	1st April 2007	

Patient Referral Date Status

(OP mds/ OPR ds)

Allows the recording of date supplied or date not applicable for the Patient Referral Date.

Format: 1 digit numeric

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
1	Date Supplied	1st April 1999	
8	Date not applicable	1st April 1999	
9	Date not known	1st April 1999	20th January 2002

Priority Type (New Patients)

(EAL mds/ OP mds)

This is the priority of a request for services and is to be recorded for a new patient, that is, First Attendance = 1. In the case of services to be provided by a Consultant, it is as assessed by or on behalf of the Consultant.

For a Follow Up Attendance, Priority Type must be blank.

Note:

Priority Type can be defined more precisely if this is needed for local purposes, as long as the classifications can be mapped back to the national ones.

Appointments which have been classified as 'soon' locally must be defined as 'Urgent' in the minimum datasets.

Format: 1 digit numeric

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
1	Routine	1st April 1999	
2	Urgent	1st April 1999	

Referrer Code

(APC ds99/ EAL mds/ OP mds/ OPR ds)

The nationally recognised code of the person making the referral. This may be a General Medical Practitioner (GMP), General Dental Practitioner (GDP), Consultant or Independent Nurse.

If the referral is not from a GMP, GDP, Consultant or Independent Nurse, use one of the default codes below:

Format: 8 character alpha-numeric

Default code:

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
X9999998	*Not applicable or no code available (referrer not a GMP, GDP or Consultant)*	*1st May 1998*	*20th January 2002*
M9999998	Midwife	21st January 2002	
N9999997	*Nurse Referral*	*1st September 2001*	*30th October 2004*
N9999997	NHS Direct *	1st September 2001	
N9999998	Nurse Referral	1st September 2001	31st March 2006
S9999998	Self Referral	21st January 2002	
A9999998	MOD doctor	1st May 1998	
P9999981	Prison doctor	Pre 28th December 1995	
R9999981	Referrer other than above	Pre 28th December 1995	

Service Type Requested

(OP mds/ OPR ds)

The terms of reference for the referral request.

Format: 1 digit numeric

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
1	Advice/Consultation	1st April 1999	
2	Specific procedure	1st April 1999	
3	Other	1st April 1999	

Source of Referral: Outpatients

(OP mds/ OPR ds)

A classification which is used to identify the source of referral of each Outpatient Episode or Outpatient Referral.

Format: 2 character alpha-numeric

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
Initiated by the Consultant or Independent Nurse responsible for the Outpatient episode			
01	Following an emergency admission	1st April 1999	
02	Following a domiciliary visit	1st April 1999	
10	Following an A&E attendance	1st April 1999	
11	Other	1st April 1999	
Not initiated by the Consultant or Independent Nurse responsible for the Outpatient episode			
03	Referral from General Medical Practitioner	1st April 1999	
04	Referral from an A&E department	1st April 1999	
05	Referral from a Consultant or Independent Nurse, other than in an A&E department	1st April 1999	
06	Self-referral	1st April 1999	
07**	Referral from Prosthetist	1st April 1999	
08**	Other source of referral	1st April 1999	
92	General Dental Practitioner	1st April 1999	
93	Community Dental Service	1st April 1999	

Note:

The classification has been listed in logical sequence rather than numeric order.

** - those Source of Referrals which are to be excluded from the Outpatient Referrals Data Set.

Waiting List Date Status

(EAL/OP/APC mds)

Allows the recording of date supplied or date not applicable for the Waiting List Date.

Format: 1 digit numeric

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
1	Date Supplied	~~1st May 1998~~ 1st April 2006	
8	Date not applicable	~~1st May 1998~~ 1st April 2006	
9	*Date not known*	*1st May 1998*	*20th January 2002*