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Document Change History

Version Number	Date	Author/Owner	Description of Change
1.0	09/13/2024	Sridevi Muthili	Initial version of document for AR2024.12.0 Interim Release DMEPOS
1.1	09/23/2024	Sridevi Muthili	Version 1.1 contains the following changes: • Updated Table 1 to reflect changed delivery date for the Preliminary HIH TRC.
1.2	10/25/2024	Rohini Kolan	Version 1.2 contains the following changes: • Updated Table 1: Reflects delivery date for Release Summary version 1.2 • Updated Table 2: RC and HIH Impacts were updated. • Removed Figure 1.

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1.   Overview

The intent of this Electronic Submission of Medical Documentation (esMD) Release Summary Document is to communicate information on the release timeline and content to the Health Information Handlers (HIHs) and Review Contractors (RCs) early in the release development cycle for the December 09, 2024, esMD Release (AR2024.12.0).

- Section 2: Release Approach - Provides a high-level perspective of the esMD system functionality being developed and implemented in Production in AR2024.12.0.

- Section 3: Release Schedule Dates - Provides details of the major events and dates that will occur during the release to ensure HIHs and RCs are prepared to participate in the release. This section also contains a future release notice regarding preparations that may be required.

- Section 4: HIH and RC High-Level Impacts for AR2024.12.0 - Provides details of the impacts the change requests (CRs) being implemented in the AR2024.12.0 Release may have on the HIHs and RCs.

2.   Release Approach

The December 9, 2024, esMD Release AR2024.12.0 consists of analysis, application, and system changes related to the following:

CHG01 - Enhance the existing Prior Authorization (PA) decision response processing at the esMD end to accommodate multiple records for the XDR DMEPOS PA program.

1. HIHs and RCs are requested to use the Technical Release Change (TRC) documents and Implementation Guides (IGs) for additional information regarding the formats and the latest changes.

2. HIHs and RCs must participate in the scheduled technical calls to receive information that will help them understand the enhancement to the XDR DMEPOS PA program, what to incorporate in the PA response, and what are the expected outcomes if any validations fail.

3.   Release Schedule Dates

This section lists all Release Schedule dates, testing timelines, and release activities performed by internal and external teams. Refer to Table 1: Release Schedule Dates for AR2024.12.0.

Table 1: Release Schedule Dates for AR2024.12.0

Event	Date
1. Release Summary Document v1.0 for the AR2024.12.0 Release delivered to HIHs and RCs.	09/13/2024
2. Release Summary Document v1.1 for the AR2024.12.0 Release delivered to HIHs and RCs.	09/27/2024
3. Release Summary Document v1.2 for the AR2024.12.0 Release delivered to HIHs and RCs.	10/30/2024
4. Preliminary HIH Technical Release Changes (TRC) Documents for AR2024.12.0 implementation delivered to HIHs.	09/30/2024
5. X12 278 Companion Guide for AR2024.12.0 release delivered to HIHs.	NA
6. Technical call conducted with HIHs to review the AR2024.12.0 release changes.	10/01/2024
7. Technical call conducted with RCs to review the AR2024.12.0 release changes.	10/03/2024
8. HIH Implementation Guide for AR2024.12.0 delivered to HIHs.	10/18/2024
9. Final HIH TRC documents for AR2024.12.0 delivered to HIHs.	10/25/2024
10. UAT Kick-off Meeting	10/30/2024
11. UAT Timeline.	11/04/2024 – 11/20/2024
12. Code freeze on UAT.	11/21/2024
13. December 2024 Interim Release Go Live.	12/09/2024

4. HIH and RC High-Level Impacts for AR2024.12.0

This section lists the impact that will be implemented on the HIHs and RCs in AR2024.12.0. Updates to this Release Summary can be found in Table 2: esMD AR2024.12.0 Release Summary

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Title	Sub Type	RC Impact	HIH Impact

Enhance the existing PA Decision Response processing at esMD end, to accommodate multiple records for an XDR PA DMEPOS program.	Implementation	As part of this release, the XDR PA DMEPOS Decision PA Response is enhanced to also accommodate the ability to send multiple records, each record carrying one service for a given XDR DMEPOS PA request.
		
		Changes:
		
		1. The Decision Response must have either one of the decision indicators for each record (A-Affirmed or N-Non-Affirmed).
		
		2. A Procedure Code is sent in the Decision Response for each record, the Procedure Code can be the same or different in the physical records for all the service lines.
		
		3. The UTN sent in the Decision Response must be the same for all the responses sent in the physical records.
		
		4. RCs must review the MR101 Recon Report to verify that all success and failures are recorded and accurately displayed on the report.
			As part of this release, the XDR PA DMEPOS Decision Response schema that is sent by esMD to the HIHs is updated.
			
			1. DMEPOS Review Response for single/multiple services contains a single Unique Tracking Number (UTN) for a given Transaction ID from the Review Contractors (RCs). Each service is either assigned an Affirmed (A) or Non-Affirmed (N) decision. The request level decision will be set based on the decisions provided in each service. Please refer to the final TRC document for more examples and the schema.
			
			   • The service lines are listed in the <ServiceLevelRecordList>.
			
			   • The <ServiceLineItemNumber> indicates the number of services.
			
			2. HIHs are requested to perform minimal testing to ensure that end-to-end testing is accomplished.
			
			3. Participating HIHs must submit DMEPOS XDR Requests and receive Decision Responses from RCs to complete end to end testing.

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		5. For Transactions that fail, the Transaction Status is set to "Complete" and an audit event exception is generated for this failure and is displayed on the MR101 Recon Report. • For example, there are a total of 5 records and 2 records fail.	

Appendix A: Acronyms

Table 3: Acronyms

Acronym	Literal Translation
CHG	Change
CR	Change Request
DMEPOS	Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies
esMD	Electronic Submission of Medical Documentation
HIH	Health Information Handler
ID	Identifier
IG	Implementation Guide
PA	Prior Authorization
PROD	Production Environment
RC	Review Contractor
TRC	Technical Release Changes
UAT	User Acceptance Testing
UTN	Unique Tracking Number
XDR	Cross-Enterprise Document Reliable Interchange