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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 April 07, 2025, esMD Release (AR2025.04.0).

- Section 2: Release Approach - Provides a high-level perspective of the esMD system functionality being developed and implemented in Production in AR2025.04.0.

- 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 AR2025.04.0 - Provides details of the impacts the change requests (CRs) being implemented in the AR2025.04.0 Release may have on the HIHs and RCs.

2. Release Approach

The April 7, 2025, esMD Release AR2025.04.0 consists of analysis, application, and system changes related to the following:

1. eCHIMP CR13809: Enhancements to the Electronic Submission of Medical Documentation (esMD) Electronic Letter Process to Incorporate System Linkage Information.

2. Implement the combined errors approach for PA Reject Errors 57/15 for XDR Reject Output scenarios.

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 AR2025.04.0.

Table 1: Release Schedule Dates for AR2025.04.0

Event	Date
1. Release Summary Document v1.0 for the AR2025.04.0 Release delivered to HIHs and RCs.	12/20/2024
2. Preliminary HIH Technical Release Changes (TRC) Documents for AR2025.04.0 implementation delivered to HIHs.	12/27/2024
3. Preliminary RC Technical Release Changes (TRC) Documents for AR2025.04.0 implementation delivered to RCs.	12/27/2024
4. HIH Implementation Guide v16 for AR2025.04.0 delivered to HIHs.	01/06/2025
5. RC Implementation Guides (Java and .NET) v18 for AR2025.04.0 delivered to RCs.	01/06/2025
6. Technical call conducted with HIHs to review the AR2025.04.0 release changes.	Call 1: 01/07/2025 Call 2: 02/04/2025
7. Technical call conducted with RCs to review the AR2025.04.0 release changes.	Call 1: 01/09/2025 Call 2: 02/06/2025
8. Final HIH TRC documents for AR2025.04.0 delivered to HIHs.	01/24/2025
9. Final RC TRC documents for AR2025.04.0 delivered to RCs.	01/24/2025
10. UAT Kick-off Meeting	02/26/2025
11. UAT Timeline.	03/03/2025 - 03/28/2025
12. Code freeze on UAT.	03/28/2025
13. April 2025 Release Go Live.	04/07/2025

4.   HIH and RC High-Level Impacts for AR2025.04.0

This section summarizes the impacts that release AR2025.04.0 will have on the HIHs and RCs. The impacts are summarized in Table 2: esMD AR2025.04.0 Release Summary.

Table 2: esMD AR2025.04.0 Release Summary

Number	Title	Sub-Type	RC Impact	HIH Impact

eCHIMP CR13809/ CHG01.2025.04	Enhancements to the Electronic Submission of Medical Documentation (esMD) Electronic Letter Process to Incorporate System Linkage Information	Implementation	As part of this release, the existing PADL/RRL Letters LOB with CTC-20 is enhanced by mandating the following elements 1) Qualifier Type and 2) ID when sending the PADL/RRL package to HIHs.
			
			• The Qualifier Type and ID must be sent as a pair, and at least one Qualifier Type and ID pair must be present in the Letters.
			• The Qualifier Type sent must be taken from the value list below (all upper case):
			  ○ UTN
			  ○ BENE-NAME
			  ○ BENE-ID
			  ○ BENE-DOB
			  ○ PDOS
			  ○ PDOS-RANGE
			  ○ DECISION-DATE
			  ○ UTN-EXPIRATION-DATE
			  ○ CLAIM-ID
			  ○ CASE-ID
			  ○ DOS
			  ○ DOS-RANGE
				As part of this release, the HIH will receive the PADL/RRL Letters with CTC-20 enhanced with Qualifier Type and ID elements.
				
				• The Qualifier Type and ID must be received as a pair, and at least one Qualifier Type and ID pair must be present in the Letters.
				• The Qualifier Type received must be taken from the value list below (all upper case):
				  ○ UTN
				  ○ BENE-NAME
				  ○ BENE-ID
				  ○ BENE-DOB
				  ○ PDOS
				  ○ PDOS-RANGE
				  ○ DECISION-DATE
				  ○ UTN-EXPIRATION-DATE
				  ○ CLAIM-ID
				  ○ CASE-ID
				  ○ DOS
				  ○ DOS-RANGE
				
				• The HIH will receive one or more sets of 'Qualifier Type' and 'ID' in JSON from esMD.

Number	Title	Sub-Type	RC Impact	HIH Impact
			• More than one set of Qualifier Type and ID pairs can be sent in the request. • The 'ID' value sent in the request can be of any length and format. The esMD System shall not perform validation checks on the ID. • Refer to the RC TRC document for the list of error messages generated for validation failures.	• esMD does not apply any format or length validations to the 'ID' value received in the JSON, any value received from the RC will be sent to the HIH. • Refer to the HIH TRC document for the new JSON structure with these changes.
CHG02.2025.04	Implement the Combined errors 57/15 for XDR Reject Output Scenarios.	Testing	As part of this release, there are no code changes to the existing XDR PA Programs for the Reject Response APIs. The RCs are given the ability to do the following when sending a Reject Response to the HIH: • RCs can send a single record with a combination of error codes 57 & 15 or any other error code in the Reject Response for any PA Program. • RCs are requested to support this feature by performing end-to-end testing that includes sending a few Reject Responses that contain combinations of error codes during UAT.	As part of this release, there are no changes to the existing XDR PA Reject Response schema received from esMD. The Reject Response file may have a combination of Reject Error codes if received from the RCs as follows: • HIHs can receive a single record with a combination of error codes 57 & 15 or any other error codes in the PA Reject Response file for any PA Program received from RCs. • HIHs are requested to perform minimal end-to-end testing by verifying that a few Reject Responses are received with a combination of error codes in the response file during UAT.

Appendix A: Acronyms

Table 3: Acronyms

Acronym	Literal Translation
API	Application Programming Interface
CHG	Change
CR	Change Request
CTC	Content Type Code
eCHIMP	Electronic Change Information Management Portal
esMD	Electronic Submission of Medical Documentation
HIH	Health Information Handler
ID	Identifier
JSON	JavaScript Object Notation
LOB	Line of Business
PA	Prior Authorization
PADL	Prior Authorization Decision Letter
RC	Review Contractor
RRL	Review Results Letter
TRC	Technical Release Changes
UAT	User Acceptance Testing
XDR	Cross-Enterprise Document Reliable Interchange