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Release Summary for the January 2025 (AR2025.01.0) Release

Version 1.2

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Document Change History

Version Number	Date	Author/Owner	Description of Change
1.0	09/20/2024	Sridevi Muthili	Initial version of document for AR2025.01.0
1.1	10/15/2024	Sridevi Muthili	Version 1.1 contains the following updates: 1) Section 2 & 4 for MR101 Report (not removing any fields) 2) Table 2 (No fields are removed from MR101 Report)
1.2	11/15/2024	Sridevi Muthili	Version 1.2 contains the following updates: 1) Section 2: Added bullet for RPF schedule change for SSMs. 2) Table 1: Updated with the new timelines for document delivery. 3) Table 2: Added impact details for RPF schedule change for SSMs.

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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 January 06, 2025, esMD Release (AR2025.01.0).

- Section 2: Release Approach - Provides a high-level perspective of the esMD system functionality being developed and implemented in Production in AR2025.01.0.

- 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 AR2025.01.0 - Provides details of the impacts the change requests (CRs) being implemented in the AR2025.01.0 Release may have on the HIHs and RCs.

2.   Release Approach

The January 6, 2025, esMD Release AR2025.01.0 consists of analysis, application, and system changes related to the following:

1. The MR101 & MR102 Reconciliation Reports are updated to include new fields.

    Note: Modified report screen shots and a description of these changes will be added to the technical change documents and implementation guides. The above listed changes will also be discussed during the technical call by the esMD technical team.

2. The Registered Provider File (RPF) schedule will be updated from daily to weekly for the purposes of sending the exported batch file to SSMs.

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 AR2025.01.0.

Table 1: Release Schedule Dates for AR2025.01.0

Event	Date
1. Release Summary Document v1.0 for the AR2025.01.0 Release delivered to HIHs and RCs.	09/20/2024
2. Release Summary Document v1.1 for the AR2025.01.0 Release delivered to HIHs and RCs.	10/21/2024
3. Release Summary Document v1.2 for the AR2025.01.0 Release delivered to HIHs and RCs.	11/22/2024
4. Preliminary HIH Technical Release Changes (TRC) Documents for AR2025.01.0 implementation delivered to HIHs.	10/11/2024
5. Preliminary RC Technical Release Changes (TRC) Documents for AR2025.01.0 implementation delivered to RCs.	10/11/2024
6. HIH Implementation Guide v15 for AR2025.01.0 delivered to HIHs.	10/11/2024
7. HIH Implementation Guide v15.1 for AR2025.01.0 delivered to HIHs.	11/25/2024
8. Final HIH TRC documents for AR2025.01.0 delivered to HIHs.	11/22/2024
9. Final RC TRC documents for AR2025.01.0 delivered to RCs.	11/22/2024
10. RC Implementation Guides (Java and .NET) for AR2024.01.0 delivered to RCs.	NA
11. Technical call conducted with HIHs to review the AR2025.01.0 release changes.	Cal 1: 10/01/2024 Call 2: 11/05/2024
12. Technical call conducted with RCs to review the AR2025.01.0 release changes.	Cal 1: 10/03/2024 Call 2: 11/07/2024
13. UAT Kick-off Meeting	11/27/2024
14. UAT Timeline.	12/02/2024 - 12/20/2024
15. Code freeze on UAT.	12/23/2024
16. January 2025 Release Go Live.	01/06/2025

4.   HIH and RC High-Level Impacts for AR2025.01.0

This section summarizes the impacts that release AR2025.01.0 will have on the HIHs and RCs. The impacts are summarized in Table 2: esMD AR2025.01.0 Release Summary.

Table 2: esMD AR2025.01.0 Release Summary

Number	Title	Sub-Type	RC Impact	HIH Impact
CHG01.2025.01	Update reporting to include the counts of eMDRs and Letters into the common report.	Implementation	As part of this release, the MR101 & MR102 reports are repurposed to add new fields that will provide more details for eMDR transaction status. **MR-101 & MR 102 Reconciliation Report Changes:** 1. The Recon Reports must be validated to ensure the new fields, naming conventions, descriptions, data, audit events and audit event exceptions are properly pulled and displayed for eMDRs and other LOBs. 2. The Legend tab and the Data tab of the reports must be validated to ensure the new fields match. **New Fields:** • PTAN • Program Name • Error Description • Additional Information.	As part of this release, the MR101 & MR102 reports are repurposed to add new fields/columns that will provide more details for eMDR transaction status. **MR-101 & MR 102 Reconciliation Report Changes:** 1. The Recon Reports must be validated to ensure the new fields, naming conventions, descriptions, data, audit events and audit event exceptions are properly pulled and displayed for eMDR and other LOBs. 2. The Legend tab and the Data tab of the reports must be validated to ensure the new fields match. **New Fields:** • PTAN • Program Name • Error Description • Additional Information.

Number	Title	Sub-Type	RC Impact	HIH Impact
CHG02.2025.01	Enhance the current Registered Provider File (RPF) frequency to SSM from Daily to Weekly	Implementation	As part of this change/enhancement, the Registered Provider File (RPF) schedule will be updated from daily to weekly to send the exported batch file to SSMs at 3pm. • The batch file is sent to SSMs on a weekly basis every Friday at 3pm even if there is no change to any NPIs. • When a new NPI is added, the batch file will be sent on the same day at 3pm. • If there is a change or update to one or more existing NPIs, the batch file is sent on the same day at 3pm. If changes happened after 3pm, the changes will be sent in the next day's batch file. • In case of a holiday, the batch file will be sent on the next business day.	NA

Appendix A: Acronyms

Table 3: Acronyms

Acronym	Literal Translation
AWS	Amazon Web Services
CHG	Change
CR	Change Request
eMDR	Electronic Medical Documentation Request
esMD	Electronic Submission of Medical Documentation
HIH	Health Information Handler
ID	Identifier
IG	Implementation Guide
LOB	Line of Business
PA	Prior Authorization
PDF	Portable Document Format
PROD	Production Environment
PTAN	Provider Transaction Access Number
RAC	Recovery Audit Contractor
RC	Review Contractor
RPF	Registered Provider File
SSM	Shared System Maintainer
TRC	Technical Release Changes
UAT	User Acceptance Testing