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1.0	09/20/2024	Sridevi Muthili	Initial version of document for AR2025.01.0
1.1	10/15/2024	Sridevi Muthili	Updated following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Section 2 & 4 for MR101 Report (not removing any fields)2) Table 2 (No fields are removed from MR101 Report)

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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:

- 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.

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. Preliminary HIH Technical Release Changes (TRC) Documents for AR2025.01.0 implementation delivered to HIHs.	10/11/2024
4. Preliminary RC Technical Release Changes (TRC) Documents for AR2025.01.0 implementation delivered to RCs.	10/11/2024
5. HIH Implementation Guide for AR2025.01.0 delivered to HIHs.	10/11/2024
6. Final HIH TRC documents for AR2025.01.0 delivered to HIHs.	11/08/2024
7. Final RC TRC documents for AR2025.01.0 delivered to RCs.	11/08/2024
8. RC Implementation Guides (Java and .NET) for AR2024.01.0 delivered to RCs.	NA
9. Technical call conducted with HIHs to review the AR2025.01.0 release changes.	Cal 1: 10/01/2024 Call 2: 11/05/2024
10. Technical call conducted with RCs to review the AR2025.01.0 release changes.	Cal 1: 10/03/2024 Call 2: 11/07/2024
11. UAT Kick-off Meeting	11/27/2024
12. UAT Timeline.	12/02/2024 – 12/20/2024
13. Code freeze on UAT.	12/23/2024
14. January 2025 Release Go Live.	01/06/2025

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

This section lists the impact that will be implemented on the HIHs and RCs in AR2025.01.0. Updates to this Release Summary can be found in Table 2: esMD AR2025.01.0 Release Summary

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Number	Title	Sub-Type	RC Impact	HIH Impact
CHG01.2025.01	Update reporting to include the counts of eMDR and Letters into the common report.	Implementation	<p>As part of this release, the MR101 & MR102 reports are repurposed to add new fields that will provide more details for eMDRs transaction status.</p> <p>MR-101 & MR 102 Reconciliation Report Changes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. The Legend tab and the Data tab of the reports must be validated to ensure the new fields match. Validations must also be performed to ensure that the data is pulled and displayed accurately to both the tabs of the Recon Report. <p>New Fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTAN Program Name Error Description Additional Information. 	<p>As part of this release, the MR101 & MR102 reports are repurposed to add new fields/columns that will provide more details for eMDRs transaction status.</p> <p>MR-101 & MR 102 Reconciliation Report Changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. The Legend tab and the Data tab of the reports must be validated to ensure the new fields match. Validations must also be performed to ensure that the data is pulled and displayed accurately to both the tabs of the Recon Report. <p>New Fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTAN Program Name Error Description

Number	Title	Sub-Type	RC Impact	HIH Impact
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional Information.

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
TRC	Technical Release Changes
UAT	User Acceptance Testing