



Release Notification

Electronic Transfer of Prescription Draft Release 1.0

Introduction

NEHTA has released the Electronic Transfer of Prescription Draft Release 1.0, incorporating five key documents: a Concept of Operations, a Business Process and Requirements Specification, a Technical Requirements Specification, a Technical Architecture, and a Logical Information Model.

NEHTA's e-Medication Management program has been tasked to develop key specifications required for software vendors, GPs and Pharmacists to establish a national environment for standardised electronic prescription exchange, one where prescriptions can be sent securely and reliably to community pharmacists, while maintaining the consumer's right to their own choice of pharmacy.

Over time, e-Medication Management will iteratively release a comprehensive series of specifications to support national interoperability for the transfer of prescriptions, regardless of the healthcare setting, prescriber or dispenser. The Electronic Transfer of Prescription Draft Release 1.0 document set defines the minimum requirements for the interoperable exchange of prescriptions between general practices and community pharmacies within Australia.

Future releases will deliver specific extensions to this draft release, related to additional care settings and prescribing groups.

These specifications will support future implementation activity and alignment to a nationally-standardised interoperable framework.

Role

The Electronic Transfer of Prescription Draft Release 1.0 sets a foundation for all future e-Medication Management program releases, and defines 'today, tomorrow and future' solution states supported by the Business Process and Requirements Specification document. Consequently, the role of this release is to:

- Define and seek comment on the business requirements for prescription exchange, comprising a number of specifications to assist transition to a national and final specification
- Define and seek comment on the minimum set of requirements and elements that are recommended for the implementation of electronic prescription transfer services throughout Australia.

Aspects

The Electronic Transfer of Prescription Draft Release 1.0 comprises the following:

1. Package Documents (i.e. documents included in this release)
 - Release Notification v1.0
 - Concept of Operation Draft v1.0
 - Business Process and Requirements Specification Draft v1.0
 - Technical Requirements Specification Draft v1.0
 - Logical Information Model Draft v1.0

- Technical Architecture Draft v1.0

Related Reading (i.e. providing further information about issues discussed in the Technical Architecture document)

- Interoperability Framework v2.0
- Web Services Profile v3.0.

The above documentation is available directly from the NEHTA website at <http://www.nehta.gov.au/>.

The following will be released shortly:

- e-Prescribing Structured Document Template
- Dispensing Record Structured Document Template
- Secure Messaging End Point Specification

Feedback

Feedback on this release is requested before 10 December 2009 and can be emailed to medication.management@nehta.gov.au as can any questions relating to this package. Priority areas for feedback include errors of omission or commission, inconsistent descriptions and editorial rule concerns.

NEHTA will also hold provide a forum which will provide a opportunity for interested parties to seek clarification on the specifications prior to providing specific feedback to NEHTA. Details of this forum will be announced shortly.

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