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1. The Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) publishes the final technical guideline document ([Healthcare Utilisation Annual Statutory Return Technical Guideline for the preparation of data Version 4.1](#)) for completing the Utilisation section of the Annual Statutory Return (ASR).
2. This technical guideline document should be read in conjunction with the following documents:
 - [Draft Guidelines for the Identification of Beneficiaries with Risk Factors in Accordance with the Entry and Verification Criteria Version 9.1](#)
 - [ASR Data Specification v4.1](#): This workbook contains the layout and field types definitions for the data tables.
 - [ASR Valid Codes v4.1](#): The reference workbook containing tables with valid values for certain key columns specified in [D.1].
 - [ASR Data Specification Appendix A v4.1](#): The Appendix should be used only as a guideline for identifying utilisation statistics and is not necessarily a complete list of codes used in the industry. Please inform the CMS in case you become aware of any missing codes (excluding “in-house” codes) by sending a list of such codes to lion@medicalschemes.com.
3. The updated Healthcare Utilisation Data specification document will be applicable for use in 2016 for the 2015 and 2014 Healthcare Utilisation section of the Annual Statutory Return submission.

4. Medical schemes are urged to adjust their systems in line with the updated Healthcare Utilisation Data specification document.
5. The Healthcare Utilisation Annual Statutory Return system will go live on **16 March 2016** and the deadline for the submission of the 2015 data is **26 April 2016**.
6. The web service, portal and XML scheme definitions will be published in due course.
7. Officials from the CMS will be at hand to address all technical queries relating to the updated Healthcare Utilisation Data specification document.



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