



Reference: **Healthcare Utilisation Annual Statutory Returns**
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The Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) has finalised the 2015 Healthcare Utilisation Annual Statutory Return system. The system 'go live date' has been postponed to Friday, **18 March 2016**.

Schemes are referred to the 2015 Statutory Annual Return Technical Guideline for the preparation of data, for detailed guidance on the completion of the Healthcare Utilisation Annual Statutory Return.

Please take note of the following updates to the Healthcare Utilisation ASR Guidelines since the publication of version 4.1:

1. The surgical codes reference list in the ASR Data Specification Appendix A, worksheet: "A25 – Surgical" was updated. 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.
2. Data definition update for table C.5, paragraph 4.24, p. 28: The requirement: "The number of beneficiaries with a chronic condition should be less than or equal to the total number of beneficiaries in an option as at 31 December OR Average number of beneficiaries as at 31 December" has been removed. Multiple records per beneficiary are allowed for this part.
3. The CMS moved the field on "the number of beneficiaries registered on a Chronic Disease management program" (NoOfBens_Registered) from Table B.5 to Table C.5.
4. Decimals will be allowed for the average beneficiaries (AverageOfBeneficiaries) field in Table A.5.

CMS has published the updated data specification documents, including the web service, portal and XML schema definitions (XSD's) which can be accessed here:

1. [ASR Data Specification v4.2](#)
2. [ASR Valid Codes v4.2](#)
3. [ASR Data Specification Appendix A v4.2](#)

4. [Guidelines for the Identification of Beneficiaries with Risk Factors in Accordance with the Entry and Verification Criteria Version 9.1](#)
5. [XML Schema Definitions \(XSD\)](#)
6. [Portal URL](#)
7. [ODATA web service](#), which specifies all ICD-10, Disciplinary codes, etc.
8. [Web service end point](#)

Please note that the deadline for the submission of the 2015 Healthcare Utilisation Annual Statutory Return is **26 April 2016**.

Submission requirements

In terms of Section 37 of the Medical Schemes Act 131 of 1998 (the Act), **two sets** of the following signed documentation must be physically submitted to the CMS, to ensure a complete submission:

- 2015 Healthcare Utilisation Annual Statutory Return – with the watermark “Final for Signature MM/DD/YYYY”;

Your attention is drawn to the provisions of Section 66(3) of the Act, in terms of which any medical scheme which fails to furnish the Registrar with the prescribed documentation shall be liable to a penalty of R1,000 (one thousand rand) for every day that the failure continues. Please note that the deadline applies to the receipt of the signed documents by the CMS and not merely the electronic submission.

Your cooperation will be highly appreciated.



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