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CIRCULAR 61 OF 2014: PUBLICATION OF THE HEALTHCARE UTILISATION DATA SPECIFICATION DOCUMENT FOR THE UTILISATION SECTION OF THE ANNUAL STATUTORY RETURN

1. Following industry consultation on the collection of the healthcare utilisation data, the Office of the Registrar hereby publishes the final technical guideline document ([CMS Technical Guide Data Spec V2.0](#)) for completing the Utilisation section of the Annual Statutory Return.
2. This technical guideline document should be read in conjunction with the following documents:
 - a. [\[R.1\] Proposed CMS Annual Return V5](#)
 - b. [\[R.2\] Draft Guidelines for the Identification of Beneficiaries with Risk Factors in Accordance with the Entry and Verification Criteria \(Version 8.1 will be published on the CMS website\)](#)
 - c. [\[D.1\] ASR Data Specification v2.0](#)
 - d. [\[D.2\] ASR Valid Codes v2.0](#). The reference workbook containing tables with valid values for certain key columns specified in [D.1].
 - e. [\[App.1\] ASR Data Specification Appendix A v2.0](#). At the time of publishing this document Appendix A has not been updated and is the same version that was previously published as part of version 1.3 of the

specification. A more structured process will be setup in order to finalise and maintain the lists in consultation with the industry.

f. [Industry comments and CMS feedback](#)

3. The updated Healthcare Utilisation Data specification document will be applicable for use in 2015 for the 2014 Healthcare Utilisation section of the Annual Statutory Return submission. Submission dates will be communicated in due course.
4. Medical schemes are urged to adjust their systems in line with the updated Healthcare Utilisation Data specification document.
5. This office will invite a selected number of medical schemes to participate in the piloting and testing of updated Healthcare Utilisation Data specification and the proposed data submission method.
6. The office wishes to take this opportunity to thank all stakeholders that participated in the industry consultations through attending meetings and submitting written comments. Industry comments will be published on our website.
7. The office will be at hand to address all technical queries relating to the updated Healthcare Utilisation Data specification document.



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