



Reference: Draft ASR Specification  
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## **Circular 67 of 2017: Publication of the Draft Healthcare Utilisation Annual Statutory Return (ASR) Data Specification Documents**

1. The Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) publishes the draft technical guideline document ([Healthcare Utilisation Annual Statutory Return Technical Guideline for the preparation of data Version 6.0](#)) for completing the utilisation section of the Annual Statutory Return (ASR).
2. The updated Healthcare Utilisation Data specification document will be applicable for use in 2017 for completing the Healthcare Utilisation section of the ASR submission for the 2016 and 2017 financial years.
3. The ASR Technical Guideline must be read together with the following documents:
  - [ASR Data Specification V6.0](#): This workbook contains the layout and field types definitions for the data tables.
  - [ASR Valid Codes V6.0](#): The reference workbook containing tables with valid values for certain key columns specified in the [ASR Data Specification V6.0](#).
  - [ASR Data Specification Appendix A V6.0](#): The appendix contains relevant codes for the identification of beneficiaries utilising healthcare services. It should only be used as a guideline for identifying utilisation statistics and is not necessarily a complete list of codes used in the healthcare 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](mailto:lion@medicalschemes.com).

- [Guidelines for the Identification of Beneficiaries with Risk Factors in Accordance with the Entry and Verification Criteria Version 10.1 applicable from 1 January 2016.](#)

4. You are requested to submit your comments on the draft specification document to the CMS before **30 November 2017** to [lion@medicalschemes.com](mailto:lion@medicalschemes.com).
5. There will be no Healthcare Utilisation ASR workshop conducted due to the fact that only a limited number changes have been made in the specifications document. Schemes that require assistance with completing the return may contact the CMS to arrange consultations.

Kind regards,



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