

## Allied Health Data Set Extension

**Summary** The purpose of this Information Bulletin is to inform NSW Health service providers and source system administrators of the reporting requirements for the Non-Admitted Patient and Supplementary Service Data Collection: Allied Health Data Set Extension for services provided from 1 July 2021.

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### PURPOSE

The purpose of this Information Bulletin is to inform NSW Health service providers and source system support staff of the coverage, scope, data elements and classification standards pertaining to the Non-Admitted Patient and Supplementary Services Data Collection: Allied Health Data Set Extension from 1 July 2021.

The data elements and classification standards support the understanding of the clients seen and services provided by Allied Health practitioners. The data will inform Allied Health Practitioner service planning and resource utilisation.

### KEY INFORMATION

The Allied Health Data Set Extension is a set of reporting requirements that must be captured and reported by in-scope Allied Health Professionals in addition to the Client Characteristics Data Set, Individual Provider Data Set, and Non-Admitted Patient and Supplementary Services Core Minimum Data Set. The data set extension will replace previous reporting arrangements for allied health services referred to as the “Allied Health Minimum Data Set”.

Services provided by the following Allied Health professions are in scope of the reporting requirements:

- Allied Health Assistant
- Art Therapist
- Audiologist
- Child Life / Play Therapist
- Dietitian
- Diversional Therapist
- Exercise Physiologist
- Music Therapist
- Occupational Therapist
- Orthoptist
- Orthotist / Prosthetist
- Physiotherapist
- Podiatrist
- Psychologist
- Social Worker
- Speech Pathologist

Some allied health professionals work in clinical areas that have established mandatory data collection requirements (such as Community Mental Health services). They must continue to comply with the data collection requirements applicable to those clinical areas and report the data elements in scope of the Allied Health Data Set Extension unless they qualify for an exemption.

### Implementation

Local Health Districts (Districts) and Speciality Health Networks (Networks) are responsible for instructing and working with their information system developers or support providers to ensure changes are made as required to meet the new reporting requirements.

Where a source system is shared between multiple Districts / Networks and uses the application support services provided by eHealth NSW, it is the responsibility of each District / Network to ensure the technical implementation of the modified reporting requirements are raised through the appropriate application support mechanisms. This includes:

- Ensuring that the change requirements are on the Application Advisory Group (AAG) meeting agenda, discussed at the AAG meetings and are approved within a timeframe that will enable the implementation due date to be met.
- Directing and authorising eHealth NSW to make the application build changes.

This data set has been designed to be reported via EDWARD as an extension to the Non-Admitted Patient and Supplementary Services Core Minimum Data Set already in place for statutory and performance reporting. A revised EDWARD Non-Admitted Patient Multi-File extract format has been issued and source systems will be required to report the data set extension in that extract format.

The implementation may be phased. The recommended priority for implementation is as follows:

1. Allied health services that have reported to the former “Allied Health Minimum Data Set”
2. Other non-admitted patient service units (including outpatient service units)
3. Services provided to admitted patients and Emergency Department patients, including those provided by Allied Health staff working exclusively within the context of admitted patient teams or emergency departments.

### Exemption from reporting to the Allied Health Data Set Extension

It is highly desirable that all Allied Health professional services are included in scope. The District / Network Allied Health Director may exempt services where the source system has not yet been modified to enable reporting to multiple mandatory data sets, or to avoid duplicated capture. These circumstances include:

- Services provided by Allied Health staff working within specialist community or ambulatory mental health service units, including Consultation-Liaison services, who are required to report the CHAMB and MHOAT data sets.
- Services provided by staff working in service units that records activity on clinical software linked to specialist equipment (e.g. radiation oncology software that links to a linear accelerator).
- Services provided by staff working in high-volume outpatient service units (e.g. fracture clinic) that report non-admitted patient activity via an appointment scheduling system extract.

Decisions pertaining to implementation priority, order and time frames are to be based on a negotiated agreement between the Districts / Networks IT implementation and support team and the Allied Health Director.

### Interim reporting arrangements

Some Districts / Networks have an existing Allied Health local extract that they use to populate Allied Health reporting applications they have developed. A modified version of this extract may continue to be used until reporting via EDWARD is established and Districts and Networks have had sufficient time to source data from their EDWARD Local Reporting System (LRS).

### Further information

Detailed information about the foundation reporting requirements for the Allied Health Data Set Extension are described on the following intranet pages:

- [Client Characteristics Minimum Data Set](#)
- [Individual Service Provider Minimum Data Set](#)
- [Organisation Service Provider Minimum Data Set](#)
- [Non-Admitted Patient and Supplement Services Data Collection: Core Minimum Data Set](#)

Detailed information about the reporting requirements specific to Allied Health Practitioner services can be found on the [NSW Non-Admitted Patient Data Collection: Allied Health Data Set Extension](#) intranet page.

Each intranet page includes direct links to the HIRD data elements and domain value sets and the following data governance documents:

- Data elements reportable from 1 July 2021
- Scope, coverage, and business rules from 1 July 2021
- Classification and code standards from 1 July 2021

### Clarification Advice

Requests for clarifications pertaining to data supply or data elements that are within the scope of the core minimum data set, core extended data set or Allied Health Data Set Extension should be directed to the Data Integrity and Governance team within the Systems Information and Analytics Branch, NSW Ministry of Health.

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Requests for clarifications pertaining to Allied Health specific data elements that have locally defined classification standards should be directed to the Districts / Networks Allied Health Director.