

EXPEDITED LIFE CYCLE (XLC) RELEASE NOTES

JULY, 2016

RELEASE 16.173.1

PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

The purpose of this document is to convey changes made to the Expedited Life Cycle (XLC) framework and/or artifacts. Changes are the result of Change Requests (CRs) submitted to the XLC Steering Committee with subject matter expert input.

RELEASE OVERVIEW

Changes to the following Artifacts are included in this release:

- [Business Case template](#) (updated)
- [High Level Technical Design template](#) (updated)
- [Implementation Plan template](#) (updated)
- [Interface Control Document template](#) (updated)
- [IT Intake Request Form](#) (updated)
- [Operations & Maintenance Manual template](#) (updated)
- [Release Plan template](#) (updated)
- [Section 508 Product Assessment template](#) (updated)
- [System Design Document template](#) (updated)
- [XLC Gate Review Consolidated Slide Deck](#) (updated)

IMPACT

Based upon the XLC Release Strategy, v1, dated 11/2014, the overall impact of this release is 2 – Manageable Impact.

RELEASE PRIORITY

Based upon the XLC Release Strategy, v1, dated 11/2014, the priority of this release is 3 - Changes that have dependencies that are within the control of the CMS XLC Steering Committee.

CHANGES INCLUDED IN THIS RELEASE

Table 1 describes the specific changes that are included in this release. *Note that CR 16-007 (Changes to Annual Operational Analysis template) was withdrawn and will not be further addressed in this document.*

Table 1: Descriptions of New and Changed Information

Item	Status	CR #	Description
IT Intake Request Form	Updated	16-001	New questions and branching logic added to accommodate Section 508 compliance, IT security, release management, and other areas of interest. See CR form for detailed information.
XLC Gate Review Consolidated Slide Deck	Updated	Multiple	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added slide 12 for CMS Intake Review Team (CIRT) feedback and slides 20-21 for CFACTS findings (CR 16-002); Revised slides 15-18 (Performance Goals and Measures) and slides 93-94 (Program and Operational Impacts of Test Incidents) (per CR 16-003) Revised slide 25 (Section 508 Compliance Status) (per CR 16-004) Revised slides 42, 58, 84, and 98 (Prior Review Findings) (per CR 16-005)
Business Case template	Updated	16-006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided enhanced instructions for Section 4.2 (Performance Reference Model). Updated Table 2 to align with changes resulting from CR 16-003.
Operations & Maintenance Manual template	Updated	16-008 16-012	<p>Marked Appendices F and G as “Optional”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied Section 508-compliant style sheet. Made formatting changes for Section 508 compliance. <p><i>Note: No substantive content changes are associated with this change request and the CR was approved by the XLC Program Manager in lieu of XLC Steering Committee review and approval.</i></p>

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High Level Technical Design template	Updated	16-015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applied Section 508-compliant style sheet. • Made formatting changes for Section 508 compliance. <p><i>Note: No substantive content changes are associated with this change request and the CR was approved by the XLC Program Manager in lieu of XLC Steering Committee review and approval.</i></p>
Implementation Plan template	Updated	16-013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applied Section 508-compliant style sheet. • Made formatting changes for Section 508 compliance. <p><i>Note: No substantive content changes are associated with this change request and the CR was approved by the XLC Program Manager in lieu of XLC Steering Committee review and approval.</i></p>
Interface Control Document template	Updated	16-014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applied Section 508-compliant style sheet. • Made formatting changes for Section 508 compliance. <p><i>Note: No substantive content changes are associated with this change request and the CR was approved by the XLC Program Manager in lieu of XLC Steering Committee review and approval.</i></p>
Release Plan template	Updated	16-011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applied Section 508-compliant style sheet. • Made formatting changes for Section 508 compliance. <p><i>Note: No substantive content changes are associated with this change request and the CR was approved by the XLC Program Manager in lieu of XLC Steering Committee review and approval.</i></p>
Section 508 Product Assessment template	Updated	16-009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applied Section 508-compliant style sheet. • Made formatting changes for Section 508 compliance. <p><i>Note: No substantive content changes are associated with this change request and the CR was approved by the XLC Program Manager in lieu of XLC Steering Committee review and approval.</i></p>

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System Design Document template	Updated	16-010	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applied Section 508-compliant style sheet.• Made formatting changes for Section 508 compliance. <p><i>Note: No substantive content changes are associated with this change request and the CR was approved by the XLC Program Manager in lieu of XLC Steering Committee review and approval.</i></p>

KNOWN ISSUES

None

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