



Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Electronic Submission of Medical Documentation (esMD)

Release Summary for the May 2024 (AR2024.05.0) Off-Cycle Release

Version 1.0

03/15/2024

Document Number: AR2024.05_RelSummary

Contract Number: HHSM-500-2016-00068I/75FCMC21F0001

Document Change History

Version Number	Date	Author/Owner	Description of Change
1.0	03/15/2024	Sridevi Muthili	Initial version of document for AR2024.05.0 Off-Cycle Release.

Table of Contents

1. Overview.....	1
2. Release Approach	2
3. Release Schedule Dates.....	3
4. HIH and RC High-Level Impacts for AR2024.05.0.....	4
Appendix A: Acronyms	6

List of Tables

Table 1: Release Schedule Dates for AR2024.05.0	3
Table 2: esMD AR2024.05.0 Release Summary	4
Table 3: Acronyms	6

1. Overview

The intent of this Electronic Submission of Medical Documentation (esMD) Release Summary Document is to communicate information on the release timeline and content to the Health Information Handlers (HIHs) and Review Contractors (RCs) early in the release development cycle for the off-cycle May 01, 2024, esMD Release (AR2024.05.0).

- Section 2: Release Approach - Provides a high-level perspective of the esMD System functionality being developed and implemented in the Production (PROD) environment in AR2024.05.0.
- Section 3: Release Schedule Dates – Provides details of the major events and dates that will occur during the release to ensure HIHs and RCs are prepared to participate in the release. This section also contains a future release notice regarding preparations that may be required.
- Section 4: HIH and RC High-Level Impacts for AR2024.05.0 – Provides details of the impacts that the change requests (CRs) being implemented in the AR2024.05.0 Release may have on the HIHs and RCs.

2. Release Approach

The May 01, 2024, esMD Release AR2024.05.0 consists of analysis, application, and system changes related to the following:

- Implement eCHIMP CR13427: Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) Jurisdiction JL Operational Requirements for the Review Choice Demonstration (RCD) for Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Services.

3. Release Schedule Dates

This section lists all the Release Schedule dates, testing timelines and release activities performed by internal and external teams. Refer to Table 1: Release Schedule Dates for AR2024.05.0.

Table 1: Release Schedule Dates for AR2024.05.0

Event	Date
1. Release Summary Document v1.0 for the AR2024.05.0 Release delivered to HIHs and RCs.	03/15/2024
2. UAT Timeline.	04/01/2024 – 04/26/2024
3. Code freeze on UAT.	04/26/2024
4. May 2024 Release Go Live.	05/01/2024

4. HIH and RC High-Level Impacts for AR2024.05.0

This section lists the impacts to the HIHs and RCs in release AR2024.05.0. Specific details of the updates and impacts are listed in Table 2: esMD AR2024.05.0 Release Summary.

Table 2: esMD AR2024.05.0 Release Summary

Number	Title	Sub-Type	RC/SSM Impact	HIH Impact
eCHIMP CR13427/CHG 01.2024.05	Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) Jurisdiction JL Operational Requirements for the Review Choice Demonstration (RCD) for Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Services.	Implementation	<p>As part of this release, there is no functional change to the existing code for the IRF XDR PA Program. A new MAC jurisdiction, JL, will begin participating and accepting transactions for the XDR IRF Program in Pennsylvania, and will perform the related testing.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The MAC JL jurisdiction is required to participate and perform some validations during the UAT testing. 2. The RCs can send 'Decisions' for the same Transaction ID for received IRF XDR requests from esMD. 3. The RCs can test scenarios such as Affirmed and Non-Affirmed when sending the PA Review Response back to the HIH. 4. The esMD Technical Team will help and support the RC to review the test scenarios, identify any gaps, and provide suggestions. 5. The esMD Technical Team will support efforts to validate whether the intended information and/or outcome results are correctly received/processed. <p>Note:</p>	<p>As part of this release, there are no layout changes when sending the IRF XDR Request to the HIH.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The HIHs will continue to receive 'Decisions' for the IRF XDR request for the same Transaction ID from UPIC Pennsylvania JL MAC jurisdiction. 2. The HIHs are requested to do minimal testing to ensure that end-to-end testing is accomplished.

Number	Title	Sub-Type	RC/SSM Impact	HIH Impact
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is no change to the existing file layout associated to the PA Reject/Decision Responses sent to esMD via the SSM.• End-to-end testing of the above program is required to ensure the functionality is working as expected.	

Appendix A: Acronyms

Table 3: Acronyms

Acronym	Literal Translation
CHG	Change
CR	Change Request
DPSM	Division of Provider System Management
eCHIMP	Electronic Change Information Management Portal
esMD	Electronic Submission of Medical Documentation
HIH	Health Information Handler
ID	Identifier
IRF	Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility
MAC	Medicare Administrative Contractor
PA	Prior Authorization
PCG	Provider Compliance Group
PROD	Production Environment
RC	Review Contractor
RCD	Review Choice Demonstration
REST	Representational State Transfer
SSM	Shared System Maintainer
UAT	User Acceptance Testing
UPIC	Unified Program Integrity Contractor
XDR	Cross-Enterprise Document Reliable Interchange