



Clinical Information System Requirements

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Release rationale

The Clinical Information System (CIS) Requirements establish a nationally consistent baseline for CIS capability. They are designed to support secure, safe, and interoperable information exchange across care settings and provide a strong foundation for connecting with Australia's national digital health infrastructure.

The final requirements:

- Define a shared national baseline for CIS capability
- Support secure and reliable information exchange across the healthcare ecosystem
- Enable sector-specific requirements (such as Aged Care, General Practice, and future Allied Health) to be layered on where appropriate
- Align with nationally recognised standards and specifications, including the HI Service, My Health Record, FHIR, SNOMED CT-AU, and contemporary cyber security practices

Package inclusions

New

Identifier	Name and version
DH-4298:2026	Common Clinical Information System Requirements v1.0

Updated (supersedes previous version)

Identifier	Name and version
DH-4383:2026	Clinical Information System - Aged Care Requirements v1.1
DH-4382:2026	Clinical Information System - General Practitioner Requirements v1.1

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DH-4381:2026	Clinical Information System Requirements Release Note v1.1 (this document)

Removed (archived or withdrawn)

Identifier	Name and version
	None

Unchanged

Identifier	Name and version
DH-3886:2024	Gap analysis and environment scan for aged care CIS Requirements v1.0
DH-4209:2025	Clinical Note Document Scenarios and Business Requirements v1.0
DH-4210:2025	Clinical Note Document Information Requirements v1.0

Stakeholders

The following stakeholders have been involved in the development of this release:

- The Commonwealth Department of Health, Disability and Ageing
- Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care
- State and territory departments of health
- CSIRO
- Peak bodies, including ACCPA, ACIITC, RACGP, ACRRM and MSIA
- Software developers
- Primary Health Networks

Audience

These documents outline software requirements for software developers of clinical information systems to incorporate into their product roadmaps.

Capabilities

The software requirements outline desired capabilities important for Clinical Information Systems to support interoperability with other CISs in the digital health environment.

Support

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