



Patient Medicines History – Conformance Assessment Framework Documents

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The Patient Medicines History (PMH) enables authorised healthcare providers and consumers to access a consolidated view of a consumer's prescription and dispense history through a secure, consent-based service.

Release rationale

The PMH has been developed to improve medicines safety by reducing information gaps, supporting continuity of care, and providing timely access to medicines information across healthcare settings. Access to consolidated prescription and dispense information supports safer clinical decision-making and more coordinated care.

The PMH operates within Australia's broader digital health and medicines safety environment. It uses prescription and dispense information sourced through the National Prescription Delivery Service (NPDS) to provide a consolidated and timely view of a consumer's medicines history.

The Australian Digital Health Agency (the Agency) has the PMH Conformance Assessment Framework to support the safe and secure exchange of medicines history information across software systems participating in the PMH ecosystem.

Package inclusions

New

Identifier	Name and version
DH-4421:2026	Patient Medicines History - Conformance Assessment Framework Documents Release Note v1.0
DH-4420:2026	Patient Medicines History - Conformance Assessment Scheme v1.0
DH-4419:2026	Patient Medicines History - API - Conformance Profile v1.0

Updated (supersedes previous version)

None. This is the first release.

No change

None

Removed (archived or withdrawn)

None

Scope

The PMH provides consumers, authorised prescribers and authorised dispensers with access to a consolidated view of a consumer's prescription and dispense history. Participation is voluntary and consumers can choose whether their medicines history is available through PMH.

This release establishes the framework for assessing and maintaining the conformance of software products participating in the PMH ecosystem. It supports the application of privacy, security and access management requirements while maintaining consumer choice.

The release includes:

- a Conformance Assessment Scheme (CAS) describing the processes for establishing, assessing and maintaining PMH conformance
- a Conformance Profile (CP) defining the functional and non-functional requirements applicable to software products participating in PMH
- a Declaration of Conformance used by software vendors to formally declare conformance for an assessed software product version.

Related PMH documents are managed separately:

- the PMH policy and program documents are published by the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing
- The PMH implementation guides and technical specifications are developed and published by Fred IT.

Stakeholders

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

- Department of Health, Disability and Ageing
- The Patient Medicines History Operator.

Audience

This release is primarily intended for organisations that develop, implement, maintain or support software systems participating in the PMH ecosystem, including:

- the PMH API operator
- prescribing system vendors
- dispensing system vendors

- consumer-facing application vendors
- consumer-facing intermediary service providers.

This document may also be of interest to the Agency, Commonwealth, state and territory health agencies, policymakers, regulators, healthcare organisations and other stakeholders involved in medicines safety and digital health initiatives.

Support

For further support or to provide feedback, please email help@digitalhealth.gov.au

Future releases

Future releases may update the PMH conformance documents to reflect changes to PMH requirements, identified risks and issues, implementation experience or updates to supporting policy and technical documents.

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