

Data Coordination Board

Information Standards Notice – New

Acting under delegated authority from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, the Data Coordination Board (DCB) has approved a new information standard for publication under section 250 of the Health and Social Act 2012.

You must comply with this new standard by the full conformance date specified below.

Standard details	
DCB unique identifier	DCB3017 Amd 72/2017
Name	Overseas Visitor Charging Category
Approval date	5 April 2018
Publication date	12 April 2018
Standard definition	
Description	<p>This information standard sets out the values which must be used in the recording of relevant information by providers of NHS-funded services in scope of the National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) Regulations 2015, most recently amended by the National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Amendment) Regulations 2017. These Regulations mandate the identification, charging and recovery of costs from patients who are not entitled to use the NHS for free.</p> <p>The Regulations require NHS trusts and foundation trusts to record on a patient's NHS Record when they are an overseas visitor, whether an exemption from charge category applies to that overseas visitor and on what date that assessment of their status in this regard took place. The NHS Record refers to patient records held in patient administration systems and the Summary Care Record application.</p> <p>In support of this requirement, this new information standard states that the attribute, OVERSEAS VISITOR CHARGING CATEGORY, must be used to record the chargeable status of a patient using NHS services where this information is recorded.</p> <p>Note that this information standard will consolidate and update the two current methods of recording chargeable status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioning Data Sets (CDS): the attribute used is Overseas Visitor Status Classification (OVSC) • Emergency Care Data Set (ECDS): while the attribute used is Overseas Visitor Charging Category (OVCC), the values do not differentiate between Decision Pending and Not Known. <p>Both CDS and ECDS will be updated on their next releases to reflect the new values.</p>
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	NHS Services
Applies to	NHS foundation trusts; NHS trusts

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	<p>While the scope of the standard covers secondary care, other use is encouraged, for example by non-NHS providers of NHS care and primary care providers.</p> <p>Developers of information standards, data collections and data extractions (ISCE), including NHS Digital, must assess impact and build in requirements as appropriate to the next release of their individual ISCE.</p>
Impacts upon	Implementation of this information standard impacts all health IT systems suppliers providing systems to the above providers; suppliers should work with their customers to determine necessary changes.
Legal authority	<p>This information standard is published under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.</p> <p>The requirement to record information is set out in regulation 3A of the National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) Regulations 2015 (as inserted by the Amendment Regulations 2017).</p>
Link to further documentation	<p>The Requirements Specification and Implementation Guidance are available on the NHS Digital website: https://digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dcb3017</p> <p>Further guidance is published by the Department of Health and Social Care: https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/nhs-visitor-and-migrant-cost-recovery-programme</p>
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Dates	
Implementation dates	<p>This standard may be used for local purposes with immediate effect.</p> <p>Full conformance will have two separate dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the update to ECDS is anticipated September 2019 the update to CDS is anticipated April 2020. <p>Users of these data sets will be notified of their actual implementation dates by future Information Standards Notices.</p> <p>Changes to other national ISCE will be implemented in agreement with developers of those ISCE.</p>
Post Implementation Review date	30 April 2019

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