

Technical Bulletin - Data Link

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Subject: Bell Canada De-Commissioning Datapac Connection by December 31, 2009

Bell Canada has announced that their Datapac service will no longer be available as of December 31, 2009.

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care no longer accepts new Health Card Validation (HCV) enrolments or new Electronic Data Transfer (EDT) enrolments (claims submissions/overnight batch eligibility checking) that require Bell Canada's Datapac service as a connection method to the ministry.

The following options are available to replace Datapac connections.

HCV Service

- External Network Access (ENA) through Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP).
- Interactive Voice Response (IVR).
- Overnight Batch Eligibility Checking (OBEC) - requires enrolment to the EDT service.
- Contract a 3rd party service provider who offers HCV services.

EDT Service

- External Network Access (ENA) through Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP).
- Direct Dial Access
- Contract a 3rd party service provider/billing agent who provides EDT services.

Detailed information is available in the HCV User Guide and EDT Reference Manual, both of which are located on the ministry's website:

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/pub/pub_menus/pub_ohip.html

Inquiries can be directed to the ministry's Service Support Contact Centre at 1-800-262-6524 or in Kingston call 613-548-7981.

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