

Technical Bulletin - Data Link

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Subject: Primary Care Enrolment, Consent and Payment Reports via Electronic Data Transfer (EDT)

Note: This Data Link replaces Data Link 08-001 and 08-004.

This communication provides you with information and file layouts for two enrolment and consent reports that will be available electronically via EDT in the fall 2009. This is the first release in the ministry's long-term strategy to provide current and future reports electronically. The ministry will continue to send the paper reports for the first three (3) months of the transition along with the EDT file.

It has been determined that Extensible Markup Language (XML) is the best method to encode and transport report information through EDT. XML is a recognized standard and allows flexibility to customize reports. XML format can be read by any software package that has an XML parser built in, such as Word and Excel.

The following reports will be made available in XML format:

- Enrolment Report Patient Summary
- Outside Use Report (Patients with Signed Consent)

Prior to implementation you will be given an opportunity to test a download of the files through the EDT test environment. In addition, a teleconference will be arranged to discuss any questions you may have with regard to the new XML reports. Further details regarding the testing and teleconference will follow.

Additional information and technical specifications about the two new XML reports are available [by going to Electronic Reports – Technical Specifications](#) and include:

- **EDT Service**
 - Illustrates how reports appear as menu selection options on the EDT Download File Menu.
- **Data Models**
 - XML tag names and the organization of report fields into entities such as group, provider, patient, service, and their relationship to each other.
- **Glossary of Terms**
 - A list of each XML field name cross-referenced with the associated field name in the paper report, along with a short description of the field.
- **XML Schemas and Sample Reports**
 - Technical definitions of the structure, content and semantics of the reports.
 - Sample reports for viewing/downloading.
- **Technical Questions and Answers**
 - Technical questions and answers about the delivery of these reports via EDT.

Data to follow
Yes

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