



Administrator
National Health
Funding Pool

QUARTERLY COMPLIANCE REPORT

MARCH 2025

Understanding the Administrator's Quarterly Compliance Report

Clause B81 of the Addendum to the National Health Reform Agreement 2020-21 to 2024-25 (the Addendum) requires the Administrator to publish details of Commonwealth, State and Territory compliance with the data requirements specified in the Administrator's Three-Year Data Plan 2024-25 to 2026-27.

Clause A152 of the Addendum requires the Administrator to publish additional information in the compliance reports on dates data is submitted or resubmitted by States.

The format of the Quarterly Compliance Report follows a standard structure, with relevant data requirements reflected in each quarter. Further information on requirements can be found in the Administrator's 2024-25 Data Compliance Policy.

Executive Summary

2024-25 Service Agreements

Six out of eight States submitted all 2024-25 Service Agreements to the Administrator, with NSW and Vic providing partial submissions.

119 of 135 service agreements have been submitted to the Administrator.

- Of the **119** service agreements submitted, **37** were provided to the Administrator within the required 14 calendar days from finalisation or amendment.
- Of the **86** ABF LHN Service Agreements provided, **79** align to activity estimate submissions, compared to **31** out of **95** in December 2024.
- **Qld, ACT and NT** reported out-of-scope activity and out-of-scope funding in the Service Agreements; and
- **Three** out of **eight** States reported a State Price (or NEP) in the Service Agreements.

Timely submissions of service agreements are important to accurately calculating Commonwealth entitlements and issuing Payment Advice throughout the year.

Due to the timing of requested estimate updates from States and Territories for the May 2025 Payment Advice, compliance has been assessed on activity estimates used for the February 2025 Payment Advice. Updates received since then will be incorporated into the June 2025 Quarterly Compliance Report.

2024-25 Quarter 2 NHR Data Submissions

With respect to the timeliness of **Submission A**, seven out of eight States provided their data on time by 31 March 2025, with WA submitting all activity by 1 April 2025. **Submission B** was provided by seven of eight States by 31 March 2025, with Queensland submitting on 1 April 2025.

SA and the ACT had no **Sentinel Events** to report for the quarter.

Leave and Hospital in the Home Care (L/HITH) national best endeavours data set is to capture periods of formal absences from care facilities within episodes of admitted patient care. This is required to be submitted each quarter. In Q1 2024-25, no States submitted this data set. In Q2, only Queensland provided a submission.

Data specifications can be found at publichospitalfunding.gov.au/publications/.

Seven out of **eight** States provided the **Statements of Assurance** on time with NSW submitting on 3 April 2025. The Commonwealth provided MBS/PBS data on time, and the accompanying Statement of Assurance on 1 April 2025.

Data Resubmissions

The Statement of Assurance accompanying the initial submission should flag the need for any resubmissions, including commentary on the reasons why this should be necessary. The Administrator will make a note of such requests and respond in writing to the relevant jurisdiction. States are reminded that any resubmissions should be accompanied by an updated Statement of Assurance that aligns with the previous Statement.

If it becomes necessary to request a resubmission where one has not been flagged in the initial Statement of Assurance, the authorising officer of the initial Statement should write to nhfa.Administrator@nhfa.gov.au and data@nhfb.gov.au requesting a resubmission, including commentary on why this should be necessary.

Tas was the only State to flag a resubmission in the initial Statement of Assurance as well as provide a Statement of Assurance with the data resubmission received on 14 April 2025.

Monthly Financial Reporting

All monthly financial reports were completed by States on or before the due date of the 12th of the following month.

Maintenance of Effort

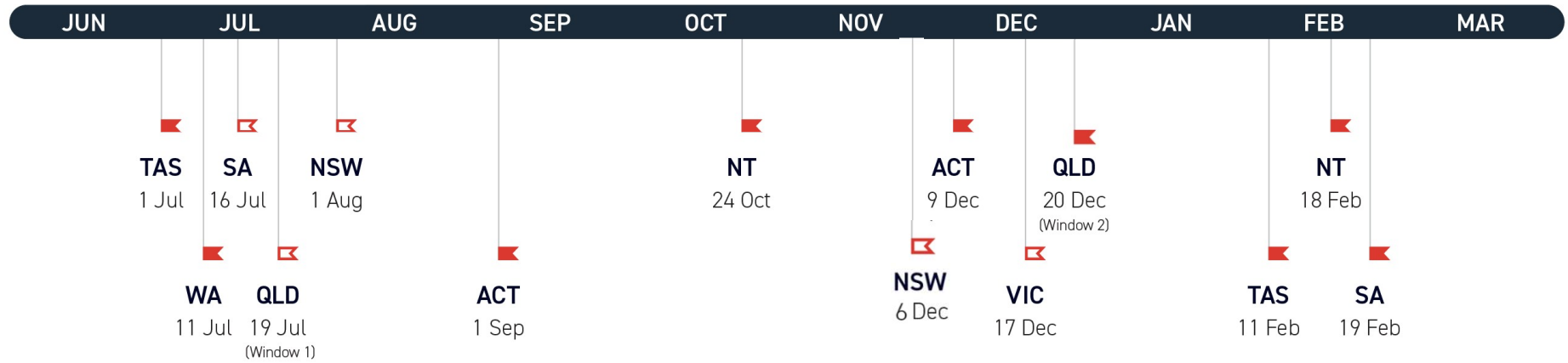
Under the Addendum (A102), Parties agree to, at a minimum for the period of 2020-21 to 2024-25, maintain 2018-19 levels of funding for Public Hospital Services through the National Health Funding Pool (the Pool), while having regard to new, appropriate models of care that may change the setting in which care is delivered.


The Administrator's Annual Report 2023-24 - Maintenance of Effort was published on 10 April 2025 at publichospitalfunding.gov.au/publications following collaboration between the Administrator, the NHFB and all jurisdictions to improve the consistency and transparency of reporting.

Determinations, and final activity and entitlements – A153 report

Under the *National Health Reform Agreement 2020-21 to 2024-25* (the Addendum), the Administrator will ensure that determinations, and final activity and entitlements at the Local Hospital Network level, are publicly available for all years that the Addendum has been in operation (A153). The report will be published following the 2024-25 Annual Reconciliation.

2024-25 Service Agreement Provision Timeline

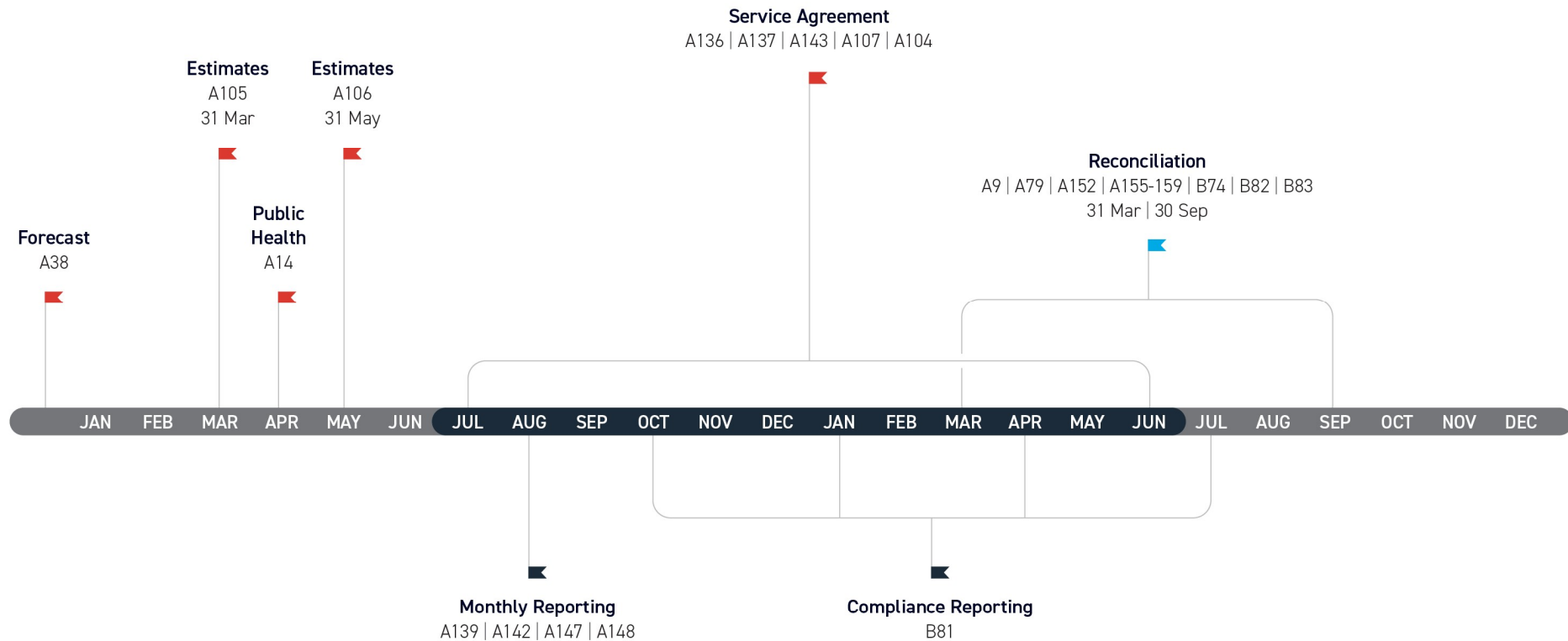


 Partial submission

Data Cycle

DATA PLAN

RELEVANT ADDENDUM CLAUSES: B66 | B67 | B70 | B71 | B72 | B76 | A154



Note: All clauses are from the Addendum to the National Health Reform Agreement 2020-21 to 2024-25 (the Addendum).

TABLE 1 Service Agreement and activity submission compliance with the Administrator's Three-Year Data Plan

Data requirement	Clause^	Due date	Measurement	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT
Service Agreements and Data Provision											
Estimated (aggregate) State and Territory NWAU by service category 2025-26	A105	31 Mar 25	Date submitted	31 Mar 25	31 Mar 25	31 Mar 25	28 Mar 25	31 Mar 25	26 Mar 25	1 Apr 25	1 Apr 25
2025-25 LHN Service Agreements provided to the Administrator (ABF and Block LHNs)	A107	Not applicable	Number of agreements / Date provided	18/20 ¹	63/77 ¹	18/18	6/6	11/11	1/1	1/1	1/1
LHN Service Agreements provided within 14 days of finalisation	E8	Not applicable	Meets minimum requirements	0/18 ²	0/63 ²	17/18 ²	6/6	11/11	1/1	1/1	1/1
LHN Service Agreements include the number of services at the service category level to be provided by the LHN	E7(a)	Not applicable	Meets minimum requirements	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LHN Service Agreements include the mix of in-scope services at the service category level to be provided by the LHN	E7(a)	Not applicable	Meets minimum requirements	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LHN Service Agreements include the mix of out-of-scope services at the service category level to be provided by the LHN	A92 A95 A147	Not applicable	Meets minimum requirements	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
LHN Service Agreements include the level of ABF to be provided to the LHN	E7(c)	Not applicable	Meets minimum requirements	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

TABLE 1 Service Agreement and activity submission compliance with the Administrator's Three-Year Data Plan (continued)

Data requirement	Clause^	Due date	Measurement	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT
Service Agreements and Data Provision											
LHN Service Agreements include the price set by the State (i.e. State Price) for each service category	A92 A95	Not applicable	Meets minimum requirements	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LHN Service Agreements include the level of Block Funding to be provided to the LHN	E7(c)	Not applicable	Meets minimum requirements	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LHN Service Agreements (ABF LHNs only) and estimated LHN NWAU aligned ³	A137 A143	Not applicable	Number of agreements aligned	17/17	32/33	16/16	0/6	11/11	1/1	1/1	1/1
LHN Service Agreement ABF (\$) aligns to the Commonwealth Payment Advice ⁴ (in-year activity)	E7(c)	Not applicable	Number of agreements	11/17	0/33	4/16	0/6	11/11	0/1	1/1	0/1
LHN Service Agreement Block Funding aligns to the National Efficient Cost (NEC) ⁵	E7(c) E7(d)	Not applicable	Yes or No	×	×	Partial	Partial	Partial	Partial	Partial	Partial
Out-of-scope services funded through the Pool or State Managed Fund	A92 A95 A147	Not applicable	Yes or No	×	×	✓	×	×	×	✓	✓
Updates to estimated LHN NWAU 2024-25	A137	Not applicable	Date submitted	6 Dec 24	8 Apr 25 ⁶	4 Apr 25 ⁶	6 Dec 24	4 Dec 24	4 Dec 24	6 Dec 24	12 Mar 25
Updated 2024-25 LHN Service Agreements provided to the Administrator (ABF and Block LHNs)	A143	Not applicable	Date submitted	6 Dec 24	-	20 Dec 24	-	19 Feb 25	11 Feb 25	9 Dec 24	18 Feb 25

TABLE 2 Data submission compliance with the Administrator's Three-Year Data Plan

Data requirement	Clause^	Due date	Measurement	CW	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT
Reconciliation Requirements												
Submission A (Quarter 2 2024-25)	B79	31 Mar	Submitted or Not submitted		Submitted	Submitted	Submitted ⁹	Submitted ¹⁰	Submitted	Submitted ¹¹	Submitted	Submitted
Submission B (Quarter 2 2024-25)	B74	31 Mar	Submitted or Not submitted		Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted
MBS and PBS data	A9	31 Mar	Submitted or Not submitted	Submitted								
Statement of Assurance	B82	31 Mar	Submitted (if so, when) or Not Submitted	1 Apr 25	3 Apr 25	27 Mar 25	31 Mar 25	25 Mar 25	31 Mar 25	28 Mar 25 14 Apr 25	31 Mar 25	31 Mar 25
Sentinel Events	A166	31 Mar	Submitted or Not submitted		Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	N/A ⁷	Submitted	N/A ⁷	Submitted
Data Conditional Payment	A156- A159	31 Mar	Not applied or Applied		Not applied	Not applied	Not applied	Not applied	Not applied	Not applied	Not applied	Not applied
Public Health amounts	A4	N/A	Submitted or Not submitted	Submitted								
Leave and Hospital in the Home ⁸	N/A	31 Mar	Submitted or Not submitted		-	-	Submitted	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE 2 Data submission compliance with the Administrator's Three-Year Data Plan (continued)

Data requirement	Clause^	Due date	Measurement	CW	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT
Monthly Financial reports												
January 2025	A147 A148	12 Feb	Date submitted		10 Feb 25	10 Feb 25	11 Feb 25	11 Feb 25	12 Feb 25	4 Feb 25	5 Feb 25	10 Feb 25
February 2025	A147 A148	12 Mar	Date submitted		6 Mar 25	11 Mar 25	3 Mar 25	11 Mar 25	11 Mar 25	7 Mar 25	5 Mar 25	11 Mar 25
March 2025	A147 A148	14 Apr	Date submitted		3 Apr 25	9 Apr 25	25 Mar 25	8 Apr 25	9 Apr 25	1 Apr 25	3 Apr 25	4 Apr 25

TABLE 3 Submission and re-submission dates for Quarter 2 2024-25

Service category or Data type	Dataset	Submission or resubmission date	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT
Emergency	ED Patient Level (ED)	Submission	25 Mar 25	27 Mar 25	31 Mar 25	31 Mar 25	28 Mar 25	28 Mar 25	31 Mar 25	28 Mar 25
	ED Aggregate Level (ES)	Submission	-	27 Mar 25	-	-	28 Mar 25	28 Mar 25	-	-
Acute admitted Mental health Sub-acute and Non-acute	Admitted Patient Care (APC)	Submission	24 Mar 25	27 Mar 25	31 Mar 25	28 Mar 25	28 Mar 25	28 Mar 25	31 Mar 25	28 Mar 25
		Resubmission 1	-	-	-	-	-	14 Apr 25	-	-
	Mental Health Care - Phase (MHCP)	Submission	24 Mar 25	27 Mar 25	31 Mar 25	1 Apr 25	28 Mar 25	28 Mar 25	31 Mar 25	28 Mar 25
		Resubmission 1	-	-	-	-	-	14 Apr 25	-	-
	Mental Health Care - Episode (MHCE)	Submission	24 Mar 25	27 Mar 25	31 Mar 25	1 Apr 25	28 Mar 25	28 Mar 25	31 Mar 25	28 Mar 25
		Resubmission 1	-	-	-	-	-	14 Apr 25	-	-
	Palliative Care (PCC)	Submission	24 Mar 25	27 Mar 25	31 Mar 25	28 Mar 25	28 Mar 25	28 Mar 25	31 Mar 25	28 Mar 25
		Resubmission 1	-	-	15 Apr 25	-	-	14 Apr 25	-	-
	Non-Admitted Patient Level (NAP)	Submission	24 Mar 25	27 Mar 25	31 Mar 25	26 Mar 25	28 Mar 25	28 Mar 25	31 Mar 25	28 Mar 25
		Resubmission 1	-	-	-	10 Apr 25	-	-	-	-
Community mental health	Ambulatory Service Contact (ASC)	Submission	25 Mar 25	27 Mar 25	31 Mar 25	2 Apr 25	28 Mar 25	28 Mar 25	31 Mar 25	28 Mar 25
		Resubmission 1	-	-	8 Apr 25	-	-	14 Apr 25	-	-

TABLE 3 Submission and re-submission dates for Quarter 2 2024-25 (continued)

Service category or Data type	Dataset	Submission or resubmission date	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT
Alternative Funding Source	Alternative Funding Source (AFS)	Submission	25 Mar 25	27 Mar 25	31 Mar 25	28 Mar 25	-	-	-	-
Sentinel Events ⁷	Sentinel Events (SE)	Submission	27 Mar 25	27 Mar 25	2 Apr 25	27 Mar 25	-	28 Mar 25	-	28 Mar 25
		Resubmission 1	-	-	-	-	-	14 Apr 25	-	-
Leave and Hospital in the Home ⁸	Leave and Hospital in the Home (L/HITH)	Submission	-	-	7 Apr 25	-	-	-	-	-

Comments

[^] All clauses are from the *Addendum to the National Health Reform Agreement 2020-21 to 2024-25*.

Footnotes

¹ Service Agreements remain outstanding for:

- NSW: Albury, NSW Contracted Services.
- Vic:
 - ABF: Bass Coast Health, Contracted Services, Maryborough District Health Service, Mercy Hospitals Victoria Limited, Mildura Base Public Hospital, Peninsula Health, Portland District Health
 - Block only: Alpine Health, Corryong Health, Mallee Track Health and Community Service, Orbost Regional Health, Other Provider (VIC), Robinvale District Health, Timboon and District Healthcare

² Service Agreements provided to the Administrator after 14 days of finalisation:

- NSW: While the revised Service Agreements were not provided to the Administrator within 14 days, they were published online.
- Vic: No Service Agreements were provided to the Administrator within 14 days.
- QLD: Children's Health Queensland

³ ABF LHN Service Agreements NWAUs not aligned with February 2025 Payment Advice:

- VIC: Melbourne Health
- WA: Service Agreements will be aligned with the Payment Advice at the end of the financial year.
- NT: Implementation of the revised Service Agreement and activity estimates were delayed until the May 2025 Payment Advice and will be assessed in the June 2025 Quarterly Compliance Report.

⁴ Where Commonwealth ABF is within a reasonable variance (\$1.0m) of the February 2025 Payment Advice base payments, ABF LHN Service Agreements are marked as aligning. ABF LHN Service Agreements not aligned with February 2025 Payment Advice are:

- NSW: Hunter New England, Northern Sydney, South Eastern Sydney, South Western Sydney, Sydney, Western Sydney
- VIC: Service Agreements do not provide a Commonwealth ABF figure.
- Qld: Cairns and Hinterland, Central Queensland, Children's Health Queensland, Gold Coast, Mackay, Mater Misericordiae, Metro North, Metro South, Queensland Virtual, Townsville, West Morton, Wide Bay.
- WA: No Service Agreements align.
- Tas: Tasmania Health Service
- NT: NT Regional Health Services

- ⁵ Partial refers to some service categories aligning to the National Efficient Cost (NEC) Determination, a reasonable variance threshold (\$0.5m) has been applied at the State level. Where a State has not provided all Service Agreements, an assessment is unable to be undertaken.
- ⁶ Updated 2024-25 NWAU estimates submitted after the February 2025 Payment Advice will be incorporated into the June 2025 Quarterly Compliance Report.
- ⁷ SA and ACT have reported no Sentinel Events for this quarter.
- ⁸ Leave and Hospital in the Home Care (L/HITH) national best endeavours data set is to capture periods of formal absences from care facilities within episodes of admitted patient care. This is required to be submitted by all States each quarter. Data specifications can be found at publichospitalfunding.gov.au/publications/.
- ⁹ QLD resubmitted PCC to make a correction to phase type formatting, and ASC due to portal upload issues.
- ¹⁰ WA provided late submissions for MHCE, MHCP and ASC files due to file validation errors at submission. Resubmission of NAP was requested by IHACPA to fix linkage issues.
- ¹¹ Tas resubmitted Submission A on 14 April 2024, to address coding delays as outlined in the Statement of Assurance received with the initial submission.

