



Administrator
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QUARTERLY COMPLIANCE REPORT

MARCH 2026

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) and one-year extension for 2025-26 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 2025-26 to 2027-28*. Note that the Addendum has been extended by an additional year to include 2025-26.

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 2025-26 Data Compliance Policy*.

Executive Summary

2025-26 Service Agreements

Seven out of eight States submitted all 2025-26 Service Agreements to the Administrator, with Victoria providing partial submission.

125 of 128 service agreements have been submitted to the Administrator.

- Of the **125** service agreements submitted, **50** were provided to the Administrator within the required 14 calendar days from finalisation or amendment.
- Of the **96** ABF LHN Service Agreements, **54** align to activity estimate submissions.
- **Queensland, Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory** and the **Northern Territory** reported out-of-scope activity and out-of-scope funding in the Service Agreements.
- **All 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.

2025-26 Quarter 2 NHR Data Submissions

With respect to the timeliness of **Submission A**, **six out of eight** States provided their data by 15 March 2025, with **all States** providing the required data by 31 March 2026. Outstanding data from New South Wales and Western Australia was provided within the two-week resubmission window.

The **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. In Quarter 2 2025-26, four out of eight States submitted this data set.

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) and one-year extension, Parties agree to, at a minimum for the period of 2020-21 to 2025-26, 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 2024-25 - Maintenance of Effort was published on 17 December 2026 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 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 was discussed at the March 2026 Administrator JAC following finalisation of the 2024-25 Annual Reconciliation.

2025-26 Service Agreement Provision Timeline

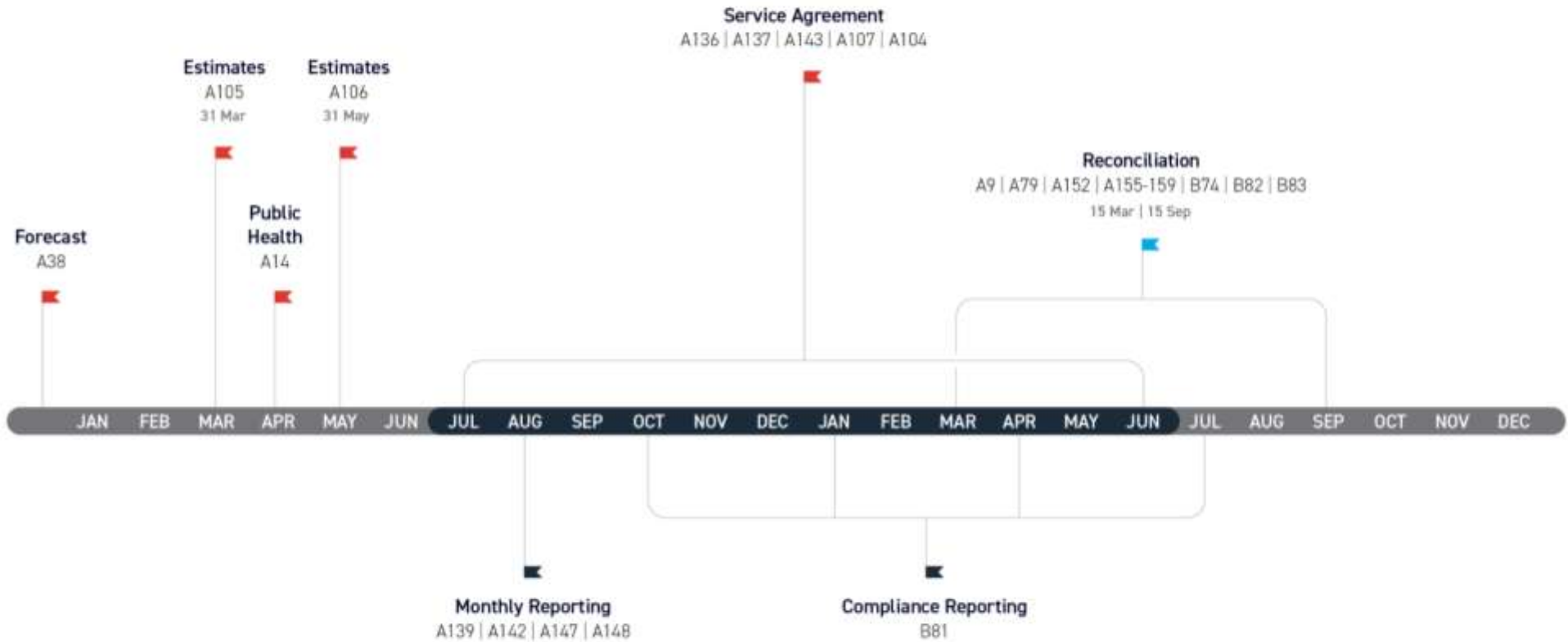
2025-26 Service Agreement Provision Timeline



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 2026-27	A105	31 Mar 26	Date submitted	31 Mar 26	31 Mar 26	31 Mar 26	30 Mar 26	31 Mar 26	01 Apr 26	30 Mar 26	17 Mar 26
Estimated LHN NWAU by service category 2025-26	A106	31 May 25	Date Submitted	30 May 25	20 May 25	30 May 25	30 May 25	29 May 25	31 May 25	4 Jun 25	16 Jun 25
2025-26 LHN Service Agreements provided to the Administrator (ABF and Block LHNs)	A107	Not applicable	Number of agreements	19/19	68/71 ¹	18/18	6/6	11/11	1/1 ¹	1/1	1/1
LHN Service Agreements provided within 14 days of finalisation	E8	Not applicable	Number of agreements	19/19	0/71	18/18	0/6	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	A137 A143	Not applicable	Number of agreements aligned	18/18	0/42	16/16 ²	6/6	11/11	1/1	1/1	1/1
LHN Service Agreement ABF (\$) aligns to the Commonwealth Payment Advice (in-year activity)	E7(c)	Not applicable	Number of agreements	3/18	N/A ³	16/16	6/6	10/11	0/1	1/1	1/1
LHN Service Agreement Block Funding aligns to the National Efficient Cost (NEC)	E7(c) E7(d)	Not applicable	Yes or No	✘	Partial ⁴	Partial ⁴	Partial ⁴	Partial ⁴	Partial ⁴	Partial ⁴	Partial ⁴
Out-of-scope services funded through the Pool or State Managed Fund	A92 A95 A147	Not applicable	Yes or No	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓
Updates to estimated LHN NWAU 2025-26	A137	Not applicable	Yes or No	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A	✓	✓ ¹	✓	N/A
Updated 2025-26 LHN Service Agreements provided to the Administrator (ABF and Block LHNs)	A143	Not applicable	Number of agreements	N/A	N/A	18/18 ²	N/A	11/11	1/1 ¹	1/1	N/A

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 2025-26)	B79	15 Mar	Submitted or Not submitted		Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted
Statement of Assurance	B82 B83	15 Mar	Submitted (if so, when) or Not Submitted	Submitted 25 Mar 26	Submitted 13 Mar 26	Submitted 13 Mar 26	Submitted 13 Mar 26	Submitted 12 Mar 26	Submitted 13 Mar 26	Submitted 12 Mar 26	Submitted 13 Mar 26	Submitted 13 Mar 26
Data Conditional Payment	A156- A159	15 Mar	Not applied or Applied		Not applied	Not applied	Not applied	Not applied	Not applied	Not applied	Not applied	Not applied
Sentinel Events	A166	15 Mar	Submitted or Not submitted		Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	N/A ⁵	Submitted	N/A ⁵	Submitted
Hospital List	A79 B72	15 Dec	Submitted or Not submitted		Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted
Leave and Hospital in the Home	A9-A12	15 Dec	Submitted or Not submitted		Not available ⁶	Submitted	Submitted	Not available ⁶	Not available ⁶	Submitted	Submitted	Not available ⁶
Monthly Financial reports												
January 2026	A147 A148	12 Feb	Date submitted		11 Feb	12 Feb	12 Feb	11 Feb	11 Feb	12 Feb	3 Feb	6 Feb
February 2026	A147 A148	12 Mar	Date submitted		10 Mar	10 Mar	10 Mar	11 Mar	2 Mar	12 Mar	6 Mar	24 Feb
March 2026	A147 A148	13 Apr	Date submitted		10 Apr	9 Apr	8 Apr	10 Apr	13 Apr	13 Apr	8 Apr	30 Mar

TABLE 3 Submission and re-submission dates for Quarter 1 2025-26

Service category or Data type	Dataset	Submission or resubmission date	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT
Emergency	ED Patient Level (ED)	Submission	11 Mar 26	13 Mar 26	12 Mar 26	12 Mar 26	13 Mar 26	11 Mar 26	12 Mar 26	12 Mar 26
		Resubmission 1			27 Mar 26 ⁷					
	ED Aggregate Level (ES)	Submission		13 Mar 26			13 Mar 26	11 Mar 26		
Acute admitted Mental health Sub-acute and Non-acute	Admitted Patient Care (APC)	Submission	11 Mar 26	13 Mar 26	12 Mar 26	13 Mar 26	13 Mar 26	11 Mar 26	12 Mar 26	12 Mar 26
		Resubmission 1	23 Mar 26 ⁸		20 Mar 26 ⁹					
	Mental Health Care - Phase (MHCP)	Submission	11 Mar 26	13 Mar 26	12 Mar 26	13 Mar 26	13 Mar 26	12 Mar 26	12 Mar 26	12 Mar 26
		Resubmission 1	24 Mar 26 ⁸				27 Mar 26 ¹⁰			
	Mental Health Care - Episode (MHCE)	Submission	11 Mar 26	13 Mar 26	12 Mar 26	13 Mar 26	13 Mar 26	12 Mar 26	12 Mar 26	12 Mar 26
		Resubmission 1	23 Mar 26 ⁸							
Palliative Care (PCC)	Submission	11 Mar 26	13 Mar 26	12 Mar 26	16 Mar 26 ¹¹	13 Mar 26	11 Mar 26	12 Mar 26	12 Mar 26	
	Resubmission 1	23 Mar 26 ⁸		24 Mar 26 ¹²						
Non-admitted	Non-Admitted Patient Level (NAP)	Submission	11 Mar 26	13 Mar 26	12 Mar 26	12 Mar 26	13 Mar 26	11 Mar 26	12 Mar 26	12 Mar 26
		Resubmission 1	13 Mar 26							

TABLE 3 Submission and re-submission dates for Quarter 1 2025-26 (continued)

Service category or Data type	Dataset	Submission or resubmission date	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT
Community mental health	Ambulatory Service Contact (ASC)	Submission	11 Mar 26	13 Mar 26	12 Mar 26	13 Mar 26	13 Mar 26	12 Mar 26	12 Mar 26	12 Mar 26
		Resubmission 1	23 Mar 26 ⁸					27 Mar 26 ¹⁰		
Alternative Funding Source	Alternative Funding Source (AFS)	Submission	13 Mar 26	13 Mar 26	13 Mar 26	13 Mar 26			12 Mar 26	
		Resubmission 1	23 Mar 26 ⁸	13 Mar 26	19 Mar 26 ¹³				26 Mar 26 ¹³	
Sentinel Events	Sentinel Events (SE)	Submission	12 Mar 26	13 Mar 26	12 Mar 26	10 Mar 26		11 Mar 26		12 Mar 26
		Resubmission 1	26 Mar 26 ⁸							
Hospital List	Hospital List (HL)	Submission	13 Mar 26	13 Mar 26	12 Mar 26	13 Mar 26	13 Mar 26	11 Mar 26	12 Mar 26	12 Mar 26
		Resubmission 1			19 Mar 26 ¹⁴			13 Mar 26		
Submission B	Medicare PINs	Submission	25 Mar 26 ⁸	13 Mar 26	12 Mar 26	13 Mar 26	13 Mar 26	11 Mar 26	12 Mar 26	12 Mar 26
Leave and Hospital in the Home	Leave and Hospital in the Home (L/HITH)	Submission		13 Mar 26	12 Mar 26			11 Mar 26	12 Mar 26	

Comments

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Footnotes

1. Outstanding Service Agreements:
 - a. Victoria: Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute, St Vincent’s Hospital (Melbourne) Limited, Contracted Services LHN Victoria
 - b. Tasmania: 2025-26 Service Agreement provided 20 April 2026
2. LHN Service Agreements and Estimates align:
 - a. Queensland provided ‘Window 2’ service agreements between December and January 2026, which are aligned to the March 2026 Payment Advice. ‘Window 3’ service agreements were provided between March and April 2026 and will be implemented in the next 2025-26 Payment Advice.
3. Victoria’s Service Agreements do not provide a breakdown of Commonwealth and State NHR Activity Based Funding.
4. Partial refers to some service categories aligning with the National Efficient Cost Determination 2025-26, but not all.
5. South Australia and the Australian Capital Territory had no sentinel events to submit for Q2.
6. Submission of the L/HITH file is required under the Administrator’s Three Year Data Plan from 2024-25 onwards. Several States advised us that they were unable to submit this file for Quarter 2 2025-26 and are working towards submitting it later in 2025-26.
7. Queensland resubmitted their ED file to resolve data quality issues in the Individual Healthcare Identifier as requested by IHACPA.
8. As flagged in the Statement of Assurance accompanying their initial submission, NSW resubmitted their Q2 data to address uncoded records in the admitted patient stream. Their Submission B file for the admitted patient stream was submitted within the two week resubmission window and is deemed compliant on a qualified basis for the March quarter.
9. Queensland resubmitted their APC file to address data quality issues with recording impairment codes in admitted sub-acute and non-acute services.
10. South Australia resubmitted their MCHP and ASC files to resolve linkage issues as requested by IHACPA and the NHFB.
11. Western Australia submitted their PCC file on 16 March, one day after the Q2 submission deadline, due to validation issues with the PCC file when loading it to the IHACPA portal. This file was submitted within the two week resubmission window and is deemed compliant on a qualified basis for the March quarter.
12. Queensland resubmitted their PCC file to resolve linkage issues as requested by IHACPA and the NHFB.
13. Queensland and the Australian Capital Territory resubmitted their Alternative Funding Source files to resolve linkage issues as requested by IHACPA and the NHFB.
14. Queensland resubmitted their hospital list to resolve linkage issues with other files as requested by IHACPA and the NHFB.