



Administrator
National Health
Funding Pool

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Quarterly Compliance Report



Understanding the Administrator's Quarterly Compliance Report

Clause B102 of the *National Health Reform Agreement 2011* (NHR Agreement) 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 2022-23 to 2024-25*.

Clause A152 of the Addendum to the National Health Reform Agreement 2020-21 to 2024-25 (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 Reports follows a standard structure, with relevant data requirements reflected in each quarter. Further information on requirements can be found in the *Administrator's 2022-23 Data Compliance Policy*.

Executive Summary

2022-23 Service Agreements

Seven out of eight States and Territories submitted 2022-23 Service Agreements to the Administrator within the required fourteen calendar days from finalisation or amendment. Victoria provided 38 of their 40 Service Agreements post 31 March 2022. Of these, 5 were submitted within the required timeframe, 32 were provided outside of the fourteen day period and 2 remain outstanding. This is the third year that Victoria has been delayed in providing Service Agreements to the Administrator.

Following engagement with States and Territories on consistency and transparency of public hospital funding, 87 of the 89 Service Agreements submitted to the Administrator align to current data estimate submissions, compared to 47 of 53 in March 2022.

Data submissions

With respect to the timeliness of 2022-23 six-month data submissions, eight out of eight States and Territories provided Submission A on time. Six out of eight States and Territories provided Submission B files on time, with New South Wales and Victoria submitting data on 11 and 6 April 2023 respectively.

The quality of submissions has improved over time, with only one resubmission received compared to 13 in March 2020.

Associated Statement of Assurances were submitted on time by six of eight States and Territories, with Queensland and the Australian Capital Territory submitting theirs on 4 and 6 April 2023 respectively.

Timeliness of the six-month data submissions has improved for Submission A with all data being provided on time, compared to seven out of eight submissions in the prior year. Timeliness for Submission B has reduced to six out of eight submissions provided on time, compared to seven of the eight in March 2022.

Monthly Reporting

Monthly reporting continues to be completed by States and Territories on or before the due date of the 15th of the following month.

Consistency and Transparency

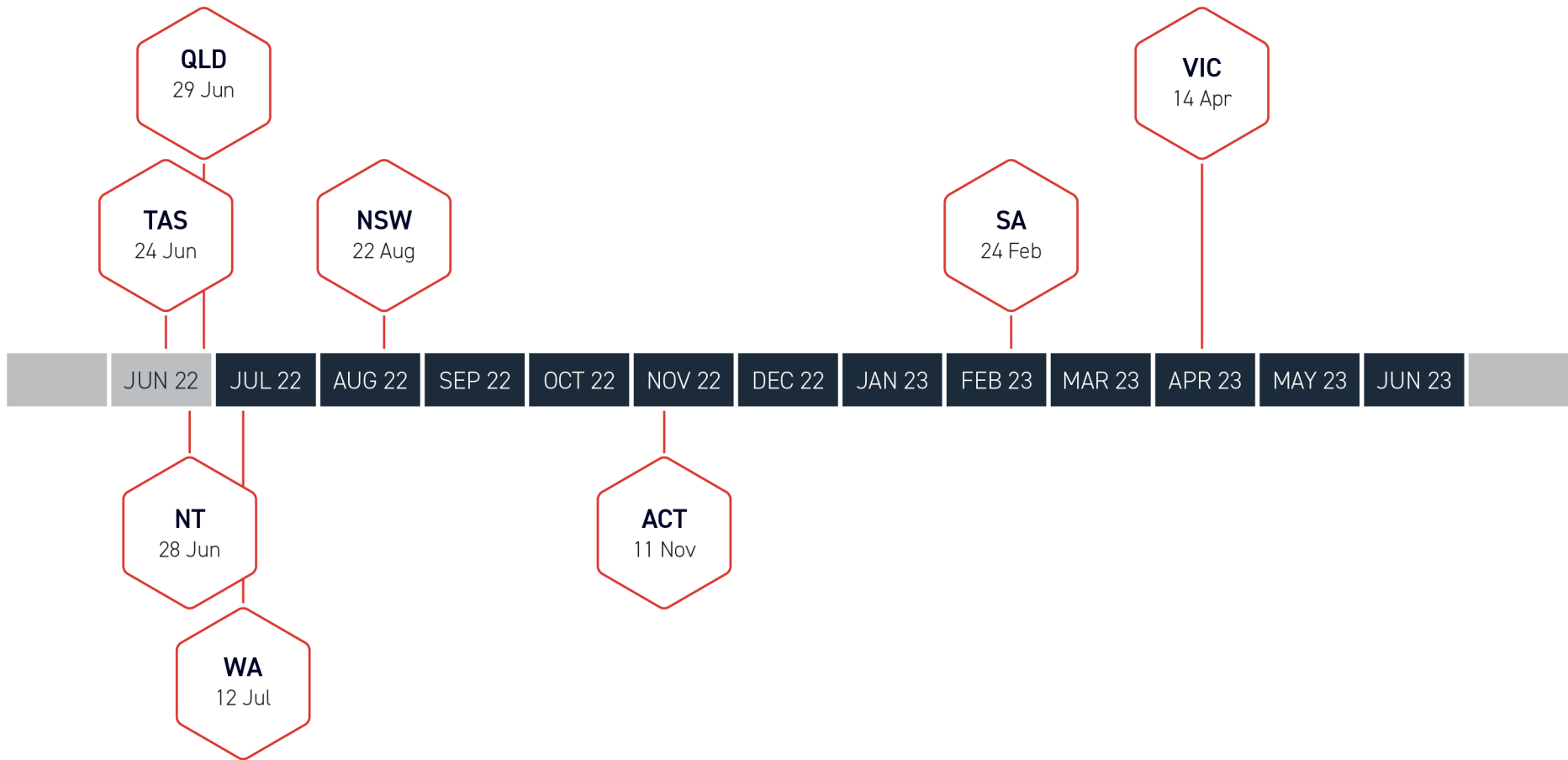
The Administrator will continue to work with States on achieving greater transparency and consistency of public reporting throughout 2022-23, and report progress, including through the Quarterly Compliance Report. The Addendum also includes the requirement for the Administrator and Australian Institute of Health and Welfare to work with all Parties to ensure consistency and transparency to enable the Administrator to provide a meaningful annual report on Maintenance of Effort.

The *Administrator's Annual Report 2020-21 – Maintenance of Effort* was published in March 2023. The report found that the Commonwealth, States and Territories have maintained, at a minimum, 2018-19 levels of funding for public hospital services through the National Health Funding Pool (the Pool). However, the report also identified inconsistencies in the level of in-scope and out-of-scope funding transacted through the Pool as well as pricing and activity information published in Local Hospital Network (LHN) Service Agreements.

To provide a meaningful Annual Report for 2021-22, the Administrator and National Health Funding Body (NHFB) continue to work closely with States and Territories to address outstanding issues. The *Administrator's Annual Report 2021-22 – Maintenance of Effort* is expected to be published in the coming months.

SERVICE AGREEMENT ENDORSEMENT TIMELINE 2022-23

Under the Addendum, States are required to provide Service Agreements to the Administrator once agreed with Local Hospital Networks (A107) and publicly release them within fourteen calendar days of finalisation or amendment (E8).



Data Cycle

Data Plan

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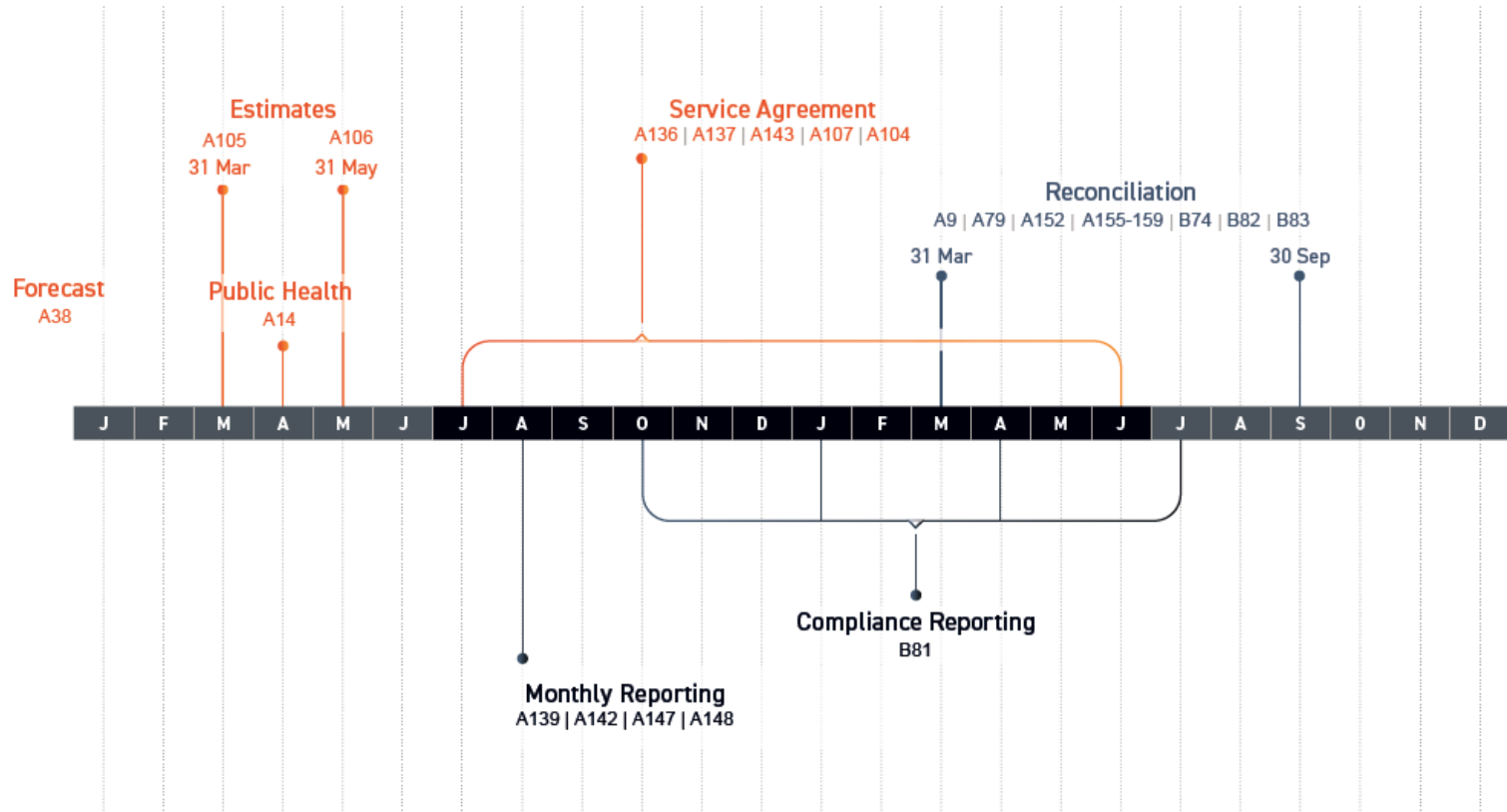
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Note

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

TABLE 1 Service Agreement compliance with the Administrator’s Three-Year Data Plan

Data requirement	Clause^	Due date	Measurement	CW	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT
Service Agreements and Public Health amounts												
LHN Service Agreements 2022-23 provided to the Administrator (ABF LHNs only)	A107	Not applicable	Number of agreements / Date Provided		17/19 ¹ 23-Aug-22	38/40 ¹ 14-Apr-23	15/16 ¹ 1-Jul-22	6/6 16-Aug-22	10/11 ¹ 24-Feb-23	1/1 30-Jun-22	1/1 11-Nov-22	1/1 29-Jun-22
LHN Service Agreements include the number of services to be provided by the LHN	E7(a)	Not applicable	Meets minimum requirements Yes or No		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LHN Service Agreements (ABF LHNs only) and estimated LHN NWAU aligned	A137 A143	Not applicable	Number of agreements aligned		17/19	36/40	15/16	6/6	9/11	1/1	1/1	1/1
LHN Service Agreements include the mix of in-scope services to be provided by the LHN	E7(a)	Not applicable	Meets minimum requirements Yes or No		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LHN Service Agreements include the mix of out-of-scope services to be provided by the LHN	E7(a)	Not applicable	Meets minimum requirements Yes or No		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓
LHN Service Agreements include the level of ABF to be provided to the LHN	E7(c)	Not applicable	Meets minimum requirements Yes or No		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LHN Service Agreements include the level of Block Funding to be provided to the LHN	E7(c)	Not applicable	Meets minimum requirements Yes or No		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LHN Service Agreement includes the price per weighted service set by the state (state price)	A92 A95	Not applicable	Meets minimum requirements Yes or No		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Update to estimated LHN NWAU 2022-23	A137 A143	31 Mar	Date Submitted or No Update		No update	No update	20 Jan 23	No update	No update	No update	No update	No update
Estimated State and Territory NWAU by service category 2023-24		31 Mar	Date Submitted		31 Mar 23	4 Apr 23	29 Mar 23	24 Mar 23	05 Apr 23	27 Mar 23	03 Apr 23	31 Mar 23
Public Health amounts	A14	Not applicable	Submitted or Not Submitted	Not applicable								

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 for 2022-23 annual data												
Submission A (Six month 2022-23)	B79	31 Mar	Submitted or Not Submitted		Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted
Submission B (Six month 2022-23)	B74	31 Mar	Submitted or Not Submitted		Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted
Private Patient Revenue (Six month 2022-23)	B73	31 Mar	Submitted (if so, when) or Not Submitted		Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Highly Specialised Therapies activity data (Six month 2022-23)	B72 B73	Not required	Submitted (if so, when) or Not Submitted		Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
MBS and PBS data (Six month 2022-23)	A9	31 Mar	Submitted or Not Submitted	Submitted								
Statement of Assurance ² (Six month 2022-23)	B82 B83	31 Mar	Submitted or Not Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted
Data Conditional Payment	A156- A159	Not applicable	Not applied or Applied (if so, when)		Not applied	Not applied	Not applied	Not applied	Not applied	Not applied	Not applied	Not applied
Sentinel Events (Six month 2022-23)	A166	Not Required*	Submitted or Not Submitted		Submitted	Submitted		Submitted	Submitted	Submitted		
Monthly reports												
January 2023	A147 A148	15 Feb	Date Submitted		14/02	14/02	15/02	10/02	14/02	15/02	13/02	15/02
February 2023	A147 A148	15 Mar	Date Submitted		14/03	14/03	15/03	10/03	10/03	10/03	15/03	15/03
March 2023	A147 A148	15 Apr	Date Submitted		12/04	13/04	13/04	13/04	13/04	13/04	13/04	12/04

TABLE 3 Submission and re-submission dates for 2022-23 six-month data

Service category or Data type	Dataset	Submission or resubmission date	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT
Emergency	ED (ED Patient Level)	Submission	27 Mar 23	31 Mar 23	30 Mar 23	29 Mar 23	31 Mar 23	31 Mar 23	31 Mar 23	31 Mar 23
		Resubmission 1								
	ES (ED Aggregate Level)	Submission		31 Mar 23	30 Mar 23	29 Mar 23	31 Mar 23	31 Mar 23		
		Resubmission 1								
Acute admitted Mental health Sub-acute and non-acute	Admitted Patient Care (APC)	Submission	29 Mar 23	31 Mar 23	30 Mar 23	27 Mar 23	31 Mar 23	31 Mar 23	31 Mar 23	31 Mar 23
		Resubmission 1								
	Mental Health Care - Phase (MHCP)	Submission	25 Mar 23	31 Mar 23	30 Mar 23	27 Mar 23	31 Mar 23	31 Mar 23	31 Mar 23	31 Mar 23
		Resubmission 1								
	Mental Health Care - Episode (MHCE)	Submission	25 Mar 23	31 Mar 23	30 Mar 23	27 Mar 23	31 Mar 23	31 Mar 23	31 Mar 23	31 Mar 23
		Resubmission 1								
	Palliative Care (PCC)	Submission	27 Mar 23	31 Mar 23	30 Mar 23	27 Mar 23	31 Mar 23	31 Mar 23	31 Mar 23	31 Mar 23
		Resubmission 1								
Non-admitted	Non-Admitted Patient Level (NAP)	Submission	27 Mar 23	31 Mar 23	30 Mar 23	24 Mar 23	31 Mar 23	31 Mar 23	31 Mar 23	31 Mar 23
		Resubmission 1								
	Non-Admitted Aggregate (NAA)	Submission	24 Mar 23	31 Mar 23		30 Mar 23	31 Mar 23			
		Resubmission 1					31 Mar 23			
Medicare PIN	Submission B	Submission	11-Apr-23	6-Apr-23	31-Mar-23	24-Mar-23	30-Mar-23	31-Mar-23	30-Mar-23	31-Mar-23
Sentinel Events	Sentinel Events	Submission	28 Mar 23	31 Mar 23		31 Mar 23	31 Mar 23	31 Mar 23		
Alternative Funding Source	AFS	Submission	27-Mar-23	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-23	27-Mar-23	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-23	

Comments

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* Statement of Assurance, Submission B and Sentinel Events are not required for the first quarter and third quarter period submissions of activity data. Data Conditional Payments are only applied to annual data submissions.

Further discussion between the Administrator, NHFB, Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority and States and Territories is required to support the provision of private patient data from States and Territories.

Footnotes

¹ Whilst some Service Agreements were provided from NSW, Vic, Qld and SA, Service Agreements were not provided for:

- NSW: Albury and Contracted Services
- Vic: Maryborough and Contracted Services
- Qld: Queensland Virtual
- SA: Riverland Mallee Coorong.

² A Statement of Assurance for Queensland and the ACT were submitted after 31 March 2023 on 4 and 6 April 2023 respectively.

