



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 2023-24 to 2025-26*.

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 2023-24 Data Compliance Policy*.

Executive Summary

2023-24 Service Agreements

Four out of eight States and Territories (hereafter States and Territories are referred to as States) submitted all 2023-24 Service Agreements to the Administrator, with Queensland (Qld) and South Australia (SA) providing partial submissions as at 30 September 2023. Of these submissions, three States provided all Service Agreements to the Administrator within the required 14 calendar days from finalisation or amendment. Qld and SA partially met the required timeframe. Western Australia (WA) did not provide their Service Agreements to the Administrator within 14 days of finalisation. However, we note that WA executed all Service Agreements before 30 June 2023 and publicly released them prior to advising the Administrator. New South Wales (NSW) and Victoria have advised their expected timeframe for Service Agreement provision is November 2023.

Of the 30 Service Agreements submitted to the Administrator, 15 align to current NWAU estimate submissions, compared to 25 of 39 in September 2022. While the 15 Service Agreements provided by Qld do not align to their current estimate submission, Qld have confirmed that their 'Window Two' Service Agreements (circa January 2024) will align.

2022-23 Annual Data Submissions

With respect to the timeliness of 2022-23 annual data submissions, eight out of eight States provided Submission A on time. Six of eight States provided Submission B on time, with NSW and the Northern Territory (NT) both providing submissions on 3 October 2023. The Australian Capital Territory (ACT) provided partial data files for both submissions, however they continue to work closely with the NHFB to finalise data requirements. Five States provided their Statement of Assurance on time, with NSW providing their submission on 6 October 2023.

Only Qld provided Private Patient Revenue data on time with the remaining seven State submissions outstanding as at 30 September 2023. Two of the four States that deliver Highly Specialised Therapies provided submissions on time, noting that NSW's submission was partial as at 30 September and WA provided a submission on 6 October 2023. All States have provided Sentinel Event data.

While the overall timeliness of the 2022-23 Annual Data Submissions has been reasonable, it has declined on the previous year. In 2021-22, all eight States provided Submission A, Submission B and Statements of Assurance on time.

Monthly Reporting

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

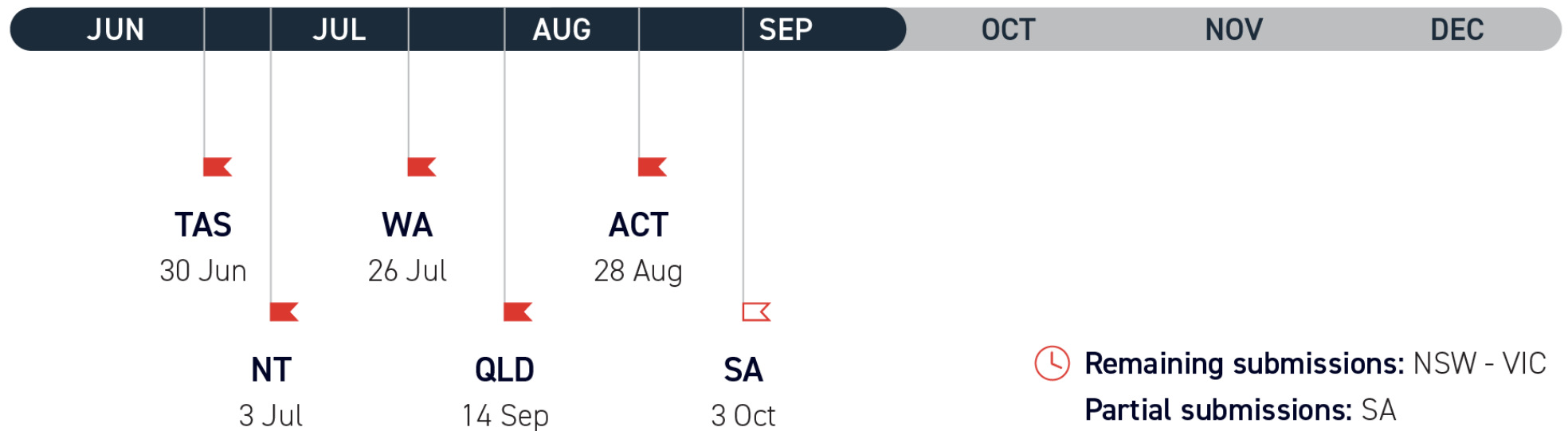
Funding Transparency

The Administrator will continue to work with States on achieving greater transparency and consistency of public reporting throughout 2023-24, 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 improve consistency and transparency of data and enable the Administrator to provide an annual report on Maintenance of Effort.

The *Administrator's Annual Report 2020-21 - Maintenance of Effort* was published in March 2023 and the *Administrator's Annual Report 2021-22 - Maintenance of Effort* was published in early July 2023. Both reports found that the Commonwealth and States 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 LHN Service Agreements.

Ahead of the 2022-23 Maintenance of Effort Report, the Administrator and NHFB have been working closely with States to address these inconsistencies.

2023-24 SERVICE AGREEMENT PROVISION TIMELINE AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023



Data Cycle

Data Plan

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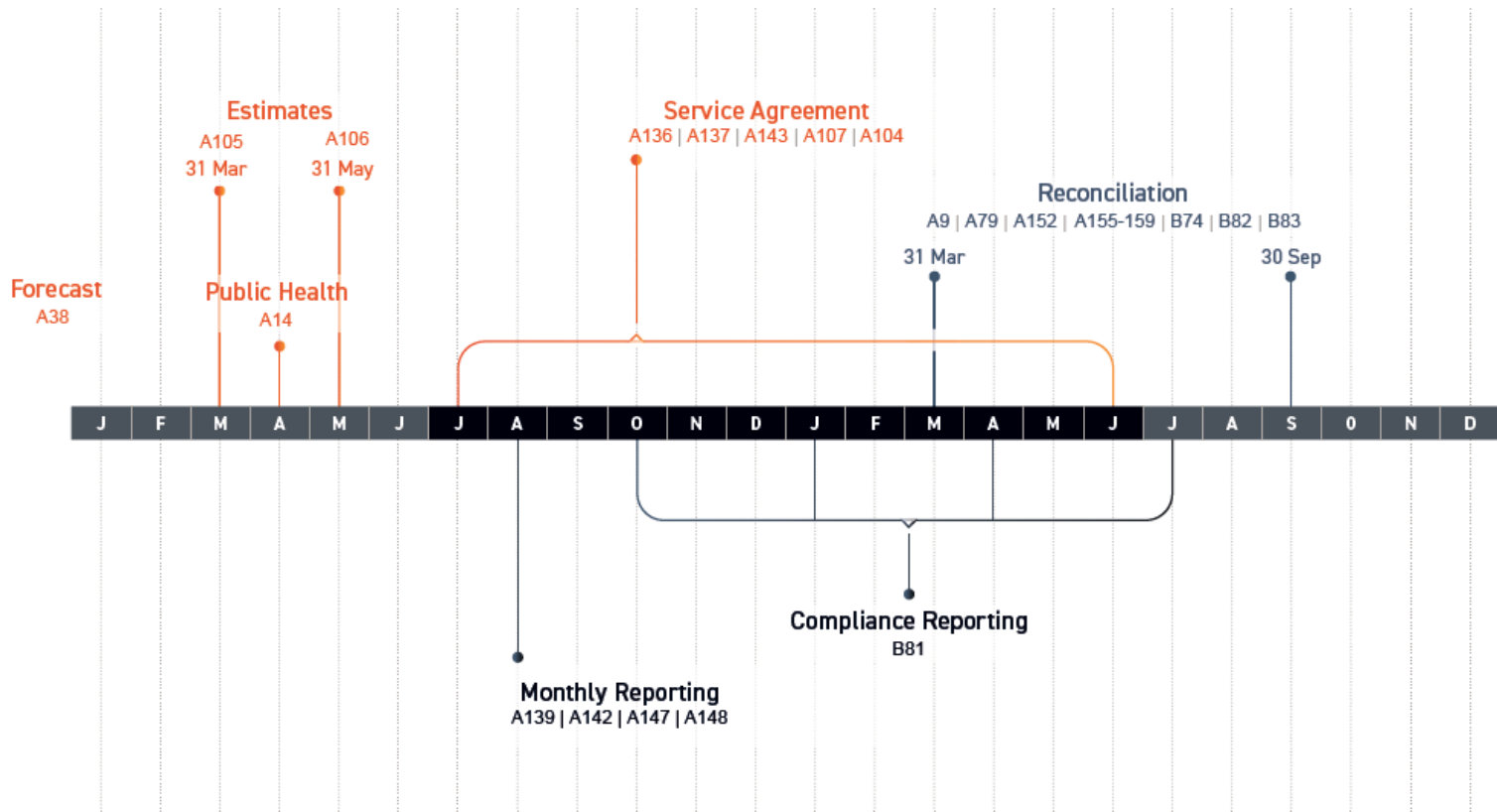
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Note

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	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT
LHN Service Agreements 2023-24 provided to the Administrator (ABF LHNs only)	A107	Not applicable	Number of agreements / Date Provided	0/19 Not Provided	0/40 Not Provided	15/16 ¹ 14 Sep 23	6/6 26 Jul 23	6/11 ¹ 03 Oct 23	1/1 30 Jun 23	1/1 28 Aug 23	1/1 03 Jul 23
LHN Service Agreements include the number of services to be provided by the LHN	E7(a)	Not applicable	Meets minimum requirements Yes or No	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LHN Service Agreements (ABF LHNs only) and estimated LHN NWAU aligned	A137 A143	Not applicable	Number of agreements aligned	0/19	0/40	0/15	6/6	6/11	1/1	1/1	1/1
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 Yes or No	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LHN Service Agreements include the mix of out-of-scope services at the service category level to be provided by the LHN	E7(a)	Not applicable	Meets minimum requirements Yes or No	x	x	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓
LHN Service Agreements include the level of ABF to be provided to the LHN LHN reported on the basis of the national efficient price (NEP)	E7(c)	Not applicable	Meets minimum requirements Yes or No	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓
Update to estimated LHN NWAU 2023-24	A137 A143	Not applicable	Date Submitted or No Update	No update	No update	No update	No update	No update	No update	No update	No update

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
Submission A (Annual 2022-23)	B79	30 Sep	Submitted or Not Submitted		Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Partial	Submitted
Submission B (Annual 2022-23)	B74	30 Sep	Submitted or Not Submitted		Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Partial	Submitted
Private Patient Revenue (Annual 2022-23)	B73	30 Sep	Submitted (if so, when) or Not Submitted		Not Submitted	Not Submitted	29 Sep 23	11 Oct 23	Not Submitted	Not Submitted	Not Submitted	Not Submitted
Highly Specialised Therapies cost data (Annual 2022-23)	B72 B73	30 Sep	Submitted (if so, when) or Not Submitted		19 Oct 23	Not Submitted	29 Sep 23	6 Oct 23				
MBS and PBS data (Annual 2022-23)	A9	30 Sep	Submitted or Not Submitted	Submitted								
Statement of Assurance	B82 B83	30 Sep	Submitted (if so, when) or Not Submitted	Submitted	6 Oct 23	28 Sep 23	29 Sep 23	28 Sep 23	17 Oct 23	29 Sep 23	29 Sep 23	Not Submitted
Data Conditional Payment (Annual 2022-23)	A156- A159	30 Sep	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 (Annual 2022-23)	A166	30 Sep	Submitted or Not Submitted		Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted		
Monthly reports												
July 2023	A147 A148	15 Aug	Date Submitted		11 Aug	15 Aug	14 Aug	8 Aug	11 Aug	9 Aug	11 Aug	10 Aug
August 2023	A147 A148	15 Sep	Date Submitted		13 Sep	13 Sep	8 Sep	15 Sep	7 Sep	6 Sep	8 Sep	13 Sep
September 2023	A147 A148	13 Oct	Date Submitted		11 Oct	9 Oct	11 Oct	10 Oct	6 Oct	9 Oct	9 Oct	12 Oct

TABLE 3 Submission and re-submission dates for 2022-23 annual 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	26 Sep 23	28 Sep 23	29 Sep 23	11 Sep 23	29 Sep 23	29 Sep 23	11 Sep 23	29 Sep 23
		Resubmission 1				12 Oct 23			29 Sep 23	
	ES (ED Aggregate Level)	Submission	N/A	28 Sep 23	29 Sep 23	11 Sep 23	29 Sep 23	29 Sep 23	N/A	N/A
Acute admitted	Admitted Patient Care (APC)	Submission	28 Sep 23	28 Sep 23	29 Sep 23	19 Sep 23	29 Sep 23	29 Sep 23	23 Sep 23	29 Sep 23
		Resubmission 1				12 Oct 23			29 Sep 23	
Mental health	Mental Health Care - Phase (MHCP)	Submission	28 Sep 23	28 Sep 23	29 Sep 23	26 Sep 23	29 Sep 23	29 Sep 23		29 Sep 23
		Resubmission 1				16 Oct 23		16 Oct 23		
Sub-acute and non-acute	Mental Health Care - Episode (MHCE)	Submission	28 Sep 23	28 Sep 23	29 Sep 23	21 Sep 23	29 Sep 23	29 Sep 23		29 Sep 23
		Resubmission 1				16 Oct 23				
	Palliative Care (PCC)	Submission	28 Sep 23	28 Sep 23	29 Sep 23	20 Sep 23	29 Sep 23	29 Sep 23		29 Sep 23
		Resubmission 1				16 Oct 23				
Non-admitted	Non-Admitted Patient Level (NAP)	Submission	28 Sep 23	28 Sep 23	29 Sep 23	18 Sep 23	29 Sep 23	29 Sep 23	20 Oct 23	29 Sep 23
		Resubmission 1				20 Oct 23				
	Non-Admitted Aggregate (NAA)	Submission	28 Sep 23	29 Sep 23	29 Sep 23	18 Sep 23	28 Sep 23	N/A	N/A	N/A
		Resubmission 1								
Medicare Pin	Submission B	Submission	3 Oct 23	28 Sep 23	29 Sep 23	29 Sep 23	29 Sep 23	29 Sep 23	23 Oct 23	3 Oct 23
		Resubmission 1				20 Oct 23				
Sentinel Events	Sentinel Events	Submission	28 Sep 23	28 Sep 23	29 Sep 23	27 Sep 23	29 Sep 23	29 Sep 23	#	N/A#
		Resubmission 1								
Alternative Funding Source	AFS	Submission	28 Sep 23	28 Sep 23	29 Sep 23	22 Sep 23	29 Sep 23	29 Sep 23	*	N/A*
		Resubmission 1				20 Oct 23				

Comments

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

NT and ACT did not have any sentinel events to report for the 2022-23 annual reporting period.

* NT did not have any AFS-related records for the 2022-23 annual reporting period. ACT have advised they will provide a submission by 27 October 2023.

** WA have requested a resubmission of all service categories except NA by 16 October 2023.

***ACT have advised they will provide their NA data by 27 October 2023.

Footnotes

¹ Whilst some Service Agreements were provided from Qld and SA, at the time of drafting this report Service Agreements remain outstanding for:

- Qld: Queensland Virtual
- SA: Central Adelaide LHN, Northern Adelaide LHN, Riverland Mallee Coorong LHN, Yorke and Northern LHN and Limestone Coast LHN.

