



# CIHI Portal Release Notes: Release 12.5

## Overview

The CIHI Portal team is pleased to announce the successful completion of Release 12.5. The highlights of Release 12.5 include the following:

### DAD

- Updated 2017–2018 Discharge Abstract Database (DAD) data, grouped with the 2017 Case Mix Group+ (CMG+) and Comprehensive Ambulatory Classification System (CACS) methodologies
- Excluded 2017–2018 medical assistance in dying (MAID) cases

### NACRS

- Updated 2017–2018 National Ambulatory Care Reporting System (NACRS) data, grouped with the 2017 Comprehensive Ambulatory Classification System (CACS) methodology
- Excluded 2017–2018 medical assistance in dying (MAID) cases
- Alberta facility name changes for NACRS

## DAD environment update

The following section provides details on the data components that have been added to the data warehouse for use within the CIHI Portal DAD project.

### Data components

#### 1. Updated 2017–2018 DAD data

A data cut was taken from the DAD production system and loaded in the CIHI Portal environment. This data cut contains all 2017–2018 DAD abstracts that were submitted to and accepted by CIHI by the monthly cut-off date and time.





## 2. Excluded 2017–2018 medical assistance in dying (MAID) cases

On June 16, 2016, the federal government passed legislation to amend Canada’s Criminal Code and established a federal framework for MAID for eligible Canadians.

In Ontario, the recently passed *Medical Assistance in Dying Statute Law Amendment Act* stipulates that identifiable information about individuals and facilities that provide MAID is protected from disclosure under Freedom of Information requests.

To comply with Ontario legislation, MAID cases for Ontario were excluded from the DAD Portal project.

Portal is working on implementing a data-masking methodology for MAID cases similar to the masking for termination of pregnancy (ToP) records. Once this is in effect, the data that we have excluded will be reintroduced to the DAD project.

## NACRS environment update

The following section provides details on the data components that have been added to the data warehouse for use within the CIHI Portal NACRS project.

### Data components

#### 1. Updated 2017–2018 NACRS data

In accordance with monthly NACRS ED Wait Time reporting requirements, a data cut was taken on the fourth business day of the month from the NACRS production system and loaded in the CIHI Portal environment.

This data cut contains all 2017–2018 NACRS abstracts (levels 1, 2 and 3) that were submitted to and accepted by CIHI by 11:59 p.m. ET on the third business day of the month.

The Submission Level attribute (found in *NACRS Discharge Analysis\Attributes\6. Submission Level*) can be used to filter and/or display all abstracts (levels 1, 2 and 3) currently available for reporting within CIHI Portal.

Please see the NACRS Abstracting Manual for information on the NACRS reporting levels and the differences between them.

#### 2. Excluded 2017–2018 medical assistance in dying (MAID) cases

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In Ontario, the recently passed *Medical Assistance in Dying Statute Law Amendment Act* stipulates that identifiable information about individuals and facilities that provide MAID is protected from disclosure under Freedom of Information requests.

To comply with Ontario legislation, MAID cases for Ontario were excluded from the NACRS Portal project.



Portal is working on implementing a data-masking methodology for MAID cases similar to the masking for termination of pregnancy (ToP) records. Once this is in effect, the data that we have excluded will be reintroduced to the NACRS project.

### 3. Alberta facility name changes for NACRS

We changed some facility names in Portal to support NACRS Alberta region-level submissions. In Alberta, the regions submit data for the facilities; in some cases, the region and facility name was the same, which could have caused confusion. For example, in the South Zone region, there was a facility named South Zone. To address this, we changed the facility name/description from South Zone to South Zone — Non-Hospital Ambulatory Care. We did not change the name/description at the region level.

We made similar changes for 3 other regions: Calgary Zone, Edmonton Zone and Central Zone. We also split the Central Zone facility; it now has 2 unique facility numbers/names.

The changes are set out in the following table.

Region name	Facility number and old name	New facility name	NACRS facility number
South Zone	88320 South Zone	South Zone — Non-Hospital Ambulatory Care	88320
Calgary Zone	88322 Calgary Zone	Calgary Zone — Non-Hospital Ambulatory Care	88322
Central Zone	88323 Central Zone	Central Zone — Non-Hospital Ambulatory Care (David Thompson Region)	88323
		Central Zone — Non-Hospital Ambulatory Care (East Central Region)	88324
Edmonton Zone	88325 Edmonton Zone	Edmonton Zone — Non-Hospital Ambulatory Care	88325