



HCRS and HCRS-CA Specification Changes for 2017–2018

The final specifications for the Home Care Reporting System (HCRS) and the Home Care Reporting System — Contact Assessment (HCRS-CA) were released to vendors on January 31, 2017.

The 2017–2018 specifications apply as of April 1, 2017, for data collection. HCRS and HCRS-CA will be ready to receive data based on the new specifications as of June 5, 2017. All files submitted to HCRS or HCRS-CA on or after June 5 will be processed using the 2017–2018 specifications.

Key changes applicable to HCRS only

CIHI is changing the format of a number of documents to comply with the *Accessibility for Ontarians With Disabilities Act* (AODA), which will change the appearance of the documents. The following documents are affected:

- *Home Care Reporting System Data Submission Specifications Manual, 2017–2018*
- *Home Care Reporting System RAI-HC Output Specifications, 2017–2018*
- *HCC Medication List, 2017–2018*
- *ICD-10-CA Pick-List Codes Used for the Home Care Reporting System, 2017–2018*

The AODA changes affect only the appearance, not the content, of these documents. However, CIHI has made the following changes that do impact content.

Data Submission Specifications Manual

The fiscal years of the reference manuals were updated.

Output Specifications

- interRAI has changed the middle triggering level of the Cognitive Loss CAP from “1 — Triggered to monitor for risk of cognitive decline” to “0 — Not triggered.”
- The 2002 version of the Institutional Risk CAP has been added to the output specifications, as it is used to calculate the Method for Assigning Priority Levels (MAPLe).





Medication List

- Droperidol was added as a common brand name for the chemical droperidol.
- Fetzima was added as a common brand name for the chemical levomilnacipran (levomilnacipran hydrochloride).

Key changes applicable to HCRS-CA only

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- *Home Care Reporting System — Contact Assessment: Data Submission Specifications Manual, 2017–2018*
- *Home Care Reporting System — Contact Assessment: Administrative Data Elements Coding Manual, 2017–2018*
- *Home Care Reporting System — Contact Assessment: Output Specifications, 2017–2018*
- *ICD-10-CA Pick-List Codes Used for the Home Care Reporting System, 2017–2018*

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Data Submission Specifications Manual

The fiscal years of the reference manuals were updated.

Administrative Data Elements Coding Manual

The fiscal years of the reference manuals were updated.

Output Specifications

interRAI has changed the code for the Rehabilitation algorithm such that the algorithm is not calculated if a client is not referred for palliative care services.



Resources

The following documents are available by logging in to Operational Reports on [CIHI's website](#), selecting **HCRS** or **HCRS-CA** and then **Manuals** from the left-hand menu:

- *2017–2018 Edit Specifications*
- *2017–2018 Data Submission Specifications Manual*
- *Submission Reports User Guide*

The following documents are available by logging in to eStore on CIHI's website and selecting **Products** at the top centre of the page:

- *RAI–Home Care (RAI-HC) User's Manual, 2010*
- *interRAI Clinical Assessment Protocols (CAPs) — For Use With interRAI's Community and Long-Term Care Assessment Instruments, 2008*
- *Home Care Reporting System RAI-HC Output Specifications, 2017–2018*
- *interRAI Contact Assessment (CA) Screening Level Assessment for Emergency Department and Intake From Community/Hospital Assessment Form and User's Manual, 2010*
- *Home Care Reporting System — Contact Assessment: Output Specifications, 2017–2018*
- *Home Care Reporting System — Contact Assessment: Administrative Data Elements Coding Manual, 2017–2018*

Important dates

- March 3, 2017:** Vendor testing for HCRS/HCRS-CA begins
- April 1, 2017:** Data collection begins using the 2017–2018 HCRS/HCRS-CA specifications
- June 5, 2017:** HCRS/HCRS-CA is ready to receive data using the 2017–2018 specifications

Contact us

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