



§170.315(g)(6) Consolidated CDA creation performance

2015 Edition Test Procedure

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§ 170.205(a)(4) [HL7[®] Implementation Guide for CDA[®] Release 2: Consolidated CDA Templates for Clinical Notes \(US Realm\), Draft Standard for Trial Use Release 2.1, August 2015](#)

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Resource Documents

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- [Privacy and Security Certification Companion Guide \[PDF - 281 KB\]](#)
- [2015 Edition Network Time Protocol \(NTP\) \[PDF - 157 KB\]](#)
- [CHPL SED Guide \[PDF - 690 KB\]](#)
- [Master Table of Related and Required Criteria \[PDF-251 KB\]](#)
- [CCDS Reference \[PDF - 655 KB\]](#)
- [CCDS Guide \[PDF - 349 KB\]](#)

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Testing

Testing Tool

Edge Testing Tool (ETT): Message Validators

Test Tool Documentation

Test Tool Supplemental Guide

Please consult the Final Rule entitled: *2015 Edition Health Information Technology (Health IT) Certification Criteria, 2015 Edition Base Electronic Health Record (EHR) Definition, and ONC Health IT Certification Program Modifications* for a detailed description of the certification criterion with which these testing steps are associated. We also encourage developers to consult the Certification Companion Guide in tandem with the test procedure as they provide clarifications that may be useful for product development and testing.

Note: The order in which the test steps are listed reflects the sequence of the certification criterion and does not necessarily prescribe the order in which the test should take place.

Testing components

				ONC Supplied Test Data
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Paragraph (g)(6)(i)

System Under Test

Data Entry

1. Based upon the criteria for which the Health IT Module is certifying (e.g., transition of care, common clinical data set summary record, care plan), a user enters the appropriate clinical information for the certifying criteria into the Health IT Module.

C-CDA Creation

2. Using the Health IT Module, the user creates a data file formatted in accordance with the standard specified in § 170.205(a)(4) HL7[®] Implementation Guide for CDA[®] Release 2: C-CDA Templates for Clinical Notes, DSTU Release 2.1, and includes appropriate document-templates and content for the certifying criteria being tested in order to match a gold-standard, reference data file for each applicable C-CDA document template.
3. The C-CDA document created in step 2, is submitted to the tester for verification.
4. Based upon the health IT setting(s) (i.e., *ambulatory* and/or *inpatient*), a user repeats steps 1-3, for each of the instruction documents found in ETT: Message Validators for the criteria being certified.

Test Lab Verification

Data Entry

1. Using the criteria instruction document downloaded in step 1, of the SUT, the tester verifies the clinical summary information for the criteria entered in the Health IT Module is accurate and without omission using visual inspection.

C-CDA Creation

2. For each file submitted in step 3, of the SUT, the tester uses the ETT: Message Validators – C-CDA Release 2.1, Validator to upload the submitted C-CDA document through the sender upload selection of the criteria being certified along with the file name and executes the upload of the submitted file.
3. For each uploaded file in step 2, the tester uses the Validation Report produced by the ETT: Message Validators to verify the validation report indicates the certifying criteria conforms to the standard specified in § 170.205(a)(4) and includes the required data elements specified by the standard for the certifying criteria in order to match the gold-standard, reference data file.
4. As required by the criteria instruction document downloaded in step 1, of the SUT, the tester uses the ONC-supplied certifying criteria instructions and the Message Content Report produced by the ETT: Message Validators in step 2, to verify the additional checks for equivalent text for the content of all section level narrative text.

The verification of the § 170.315(g)(6) C-CDA Creation Performance criteria for a given criterion is performed in-conjunction with the specific criteria. No additional tests need to be executed to certify for § 170.315(g)(6) C-CDA Creation Performance. The § 170.315(g)(6) C-CDA Creation Performance Test Procedure is provided to illustrate the tests which are performed as part of certifying for § 170.315(g)(6) C-CDA Creation Performance.

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Paragraph (g)(6)(ii)

System Under Test

Data Entry

1. Based upon the criteria for which the Health IT Module is certifying, a user enters the appropriate clinical information into the Health IT Module. (This data was entered in section (g)(6)(i) step 1.)

C-CDA Creation

2. The user uses the Health IT Module to create data files formatted in accordance with the standard specified in § 170.205(a)(4) HL7 Implementation Guide for CDA® Release 2: C-CDA Templates for Clinical Notes, DSTU Release 2.1, and includes the appropriate document-templates and content for the certifying criteria being tested for the applicable C-CDA document templates. (These C-CDA documents were created and submitted to the Test Lab for verification in section (g)(6)(i) step 3.)

Test Lab Verification

Data Entry

1. For each file submitted, the tester verifies the certifying criteria information entered in the Health IT Module is accurate and without omission using visual inspection. This validation may have been done as part of the verification done in section (g)(6)(i) step 1.

C-CDA Creation

2. For each uploaded file in section (g)(6)(i) step 3, the tester verifies a certifying criteria document can be created for the certifying criteria using the Validation Report to review the document-templates.
3. For each uploaded file in section (g)(6)(i) step 3, the tester uses the Validation Report produced by the ETT: Message Validators to verify the validation report indicates passing without error to confirm that a C-CDA Release 2.1 document can be created, that each document type is conformant to the standard specified in § 170.205(a)(4), and contains the applicable data elements for the certifying criteria. (This validation may have been done as part of the verification done in section (g)(6)(i) step 3.)
4. As required by the criteria instruction document downloaded in section (g)(6)(i) step 1, of the SUT, the tester uses the ONC-supplied summary instructions and the Message Content Report produced by the ETT: Message Validators in section (g)(6)(i) step 2, to verify the additional checks for equivalent text for the content of all section level narrative text. (This validation may have been done as part of the verification done in section (g)(6)(i) step 4.)

Paragraph (g)(6)(iii)

System Under Test

1. If the certifying criteria information was not already entered in sections (g)(6)(i) or (g)(6)(ii), based upon the health IT setting(s) (i.e., *ambulatory* and/or *inpatient*), a user enters the appropriate clinical information for the certifying criteria documents into the Health IT Module.
2. If the certifying criteria documents were not already created in section (g)(6)(ii), the user uses the Health IT Module to create a data file formatted in accordance with the standard specified in § 170.205(a)(4) HL7[®] Implementation Guide for CDA[®] Release 2: C-CDA Templates for Clinical Notes, DSTU Release 2.1, and includes the appropriate document-templates, content, vocabularies and value-sets for the certifying criteria being tested in order to demonstrate vocabulary conformance.

Test Lab Verification

1. The validation of the vocabulary conformance is done as part of the document-template conformance performed in section (g)(6)(ii) step 3, and verifies the validity of the vocabularies associated with the data elements as well as the data element value being from the required value-set(s).

Paragraph (g)(6)(iv)

System Under Test

In order to demonstrate completeness of the C-CDA document, if the certifying criteria information was not already entered in sections (g)(6)(i) or (g)(6)(ii), a user enters the certifying criteria information for the certifying criteria documents into the Health IT Module. The information entered into the Health IT Module must include all of the required data elements for the certifying criteria (e.g., CCDS summary record or care plan), where applicable.

Test Lab Verification

The validation of the completeness verification is done as part of the document-template conformance performed in section (g)(6)(ii) steps 3, and 4, and verifies the content of the submitted document is complete and without omission.

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