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Circular 11 of 2026: Healthcare Utilisation Annual Statutory Return 2024/2025

The purpose of this circular is to inform stakeholders about the submission of the Healthcare Utilisation Annual Statutory Returns (HUASR) for 2026.

The ASR Healthcare Utilisation system will become operational from **17 April 2026**. Medical schemes are required to submit data by the deadline listed in the table below. In order to limit traffic on the system, data officers will be required to load schemes' data on specifically assigned days. The submission schedule will be shared with data officers once finalised. Data officers who require a change to the dates assigned to their scheme are requested to engage the Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) before commencement of the submission period, which is **17 April 2026**.

Medical schemes should take note of the following crucial data submission deadlines, which are intended to allow them sufficient time to compile the data and ensure accurate and complete submissions:

Deadlines	Description	Start date	End date
Electronic data submission	The deadline for the electronic submission of scheme data	17 April 2026	29 May 2026
Feedback reports	Feedback to schemes on data submission and possible resubmission of data	5 June 2026	5 June 2026
Resubmission of data	Resubmission of data due to errors identified in feedback reports	5 June 2026	12 June 2026
Final signed-off report	Final report signed off by PO and Trustees	15 June 2026	3 July 2026

Please note that no changes have been made to version 10.3 of the technical specification documents. [Version 10.3 of the technical guideline document](#) should be read in conjunction with the following updated documents:

- [ASR Data Specification v10.3](#): This workbook contains the layout and field type definitions for the data tables.
- [ASR Valid Codes v10.3](#): The reference workbook containing tables with valid values for certain key columns specified in the ASR Data Specification v10.0. **(If schemes find codes that do not appear on the valid code lists, they should inform the CMS so that we can update the lists.)**
- [Guidelines for the Identification of Beneficiaries with Risk Factors in Accordance with the Entry and Verification Criteria Version 16.0](#).
- [ASR Data Specification Appendix A v10.3](#): The Appendix should be used only as a guideline for identifying utilisation statistics and is not necessarily a complete list of codes used in the industry. Please inform the CMS in case you become aware of any missing codes (excluding “in-house” codes) by sending a list of such codes to lion@medicalschemes.co.za.
- [SRM weighting table](#)
- [List of Validation rules V1.0](#)

The final sign-off report may be electronically signed if the scheme has this option available. Alternatively, schemes may submit the scanned, signed document to the CMS by **3 July 2026** to Ms Busi Khuzwayo at b.khuzwayo@medicalschemes.co.za.


Officials from the CMS will be available to address all technical queries relating to the updated Healthcare Utilisation Data specification document.

Your cooperation will be highly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



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