

29th July 2005

Four Country Review: QOF Data Sets and Business Rules - Version 7

Please find enclosed a copy of the Business Rulesets for the Quality and Outcomes Framework which have been updated following the original Four Country Review for the July 2005 Read Code Release.

The set includes:

- *Business_Rulesets_R4_v2.1* detailing the Read Code v0 rules for all 13 sets of the extraction indicators.
- *Business_Rulesets_v6.1* detailing the Read Code v2, CTV3 and SNOMED rules for all 13 sets of the extraction indicators.
- *ChangesJuly2005* detailing all changes that have been made to the document since the previous review
- *JulyQOF* txt files, detailing all the data sets used in the QF Business Rules for Read Code v0, v2, CTV3 and SNOMED-CT (including the preferred terms)
- *readmeJuly2005* containing notes from the author of the QOF Business Rules
- Reviewer comment sheets

It is important to note that due to differing release schedules, SNOMED changes are accommodated within this review but these are for January 2005. Reviewers will therefore need to review the SNOMED changes against the January 2005 SNOMED Clinical Terms and the v0, v2 and CTV3 changes against the July 2005 Read Code Clinical terms. A further revision of the rulesets will required following notification of the July 2005 SNOMED Clinical terms to the GMS Payments Project

To aid reviewing of the QOF Business Rules, all changes have been highlighted within the document by the use of coloured fonts. As Version 6 of the QOF Business Rules were not published a single publication of Version 6 & 7 will be made. For completeness therefore, all changes made at Version 6 & 7 remain highlighted in the documents within this pack.

- Red highlighting shows the original set of changes made for January 2005 Read Code release (Version 6 of QOF Business Rules)
- Green highlighting shows the review comment changes (and some January 2005 SNOMED release) (Version 6 of QOF Business Rules)
- Mauve highlighting shows the original set of changes for July 2005 Read Code release & remainder of January 2005 SNOMED release (Version 7 of QOF Business Rules)

Due to the instructions sent out for the Version 6 of the QOF Business Rules, it is necessary to review ALL the SNOMED changes (both in green and mauve) to ensure that the SNOMED changes are given a full review.

A review period of 10 days has been allocated for the review. All comments (or confirmation of no comments) should be noted on the relevant comment response sheet and returned to Nikki.Hanbury@cfh.nhs.uk by 12pm on Friday 12th August 2005. However, it would be appreciated if comments could be returned earlier than this to facilitate follow-up activity.

Yours sincerely,

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