

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Human Services Portfolio

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Question:

Is DoHA or Medicare aware of any issues that will affect general electronic validation of HPI-Is or HPI-Os in current or historical PCEHR documents?

Answer:

The Healthcare Identifiers (HI) Act 2010 requires that the Service Operator establishes and maintains a Healthcare Provider Directory (HPD) of the professionals and business details of healthcare providers and that those providers must consent to have their details included in the HPD.

The HPD is available online for searching and retrieving Healthcare Provider Identifier-Individuals (HPI-Is) and Healthcare Provider Identifier-Organisations (HPI-Os) and provides a mechanism for validation.