



Australian Government

Medicare Australia

Notice of Information Technology (IT) Requirements under the

Electronic Transactions Act 1999

for

Public Key Technology (PKI)

1. Authority

- 1.1 This Notice is made pursuant to sections 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the *Electronic Transactions Act 1999* (the Act).
- 1.2 This Notice sets out the information technology requirements of the Commonwealth, as represented by the CEO of Medicare Australia (Medicare Australia):
 - 1.2.1 to give information in writing: section 9 of the Act
 - 1.2.2 for signature: section 10 of the Act
 - 1.2.3 to produce a document: section 11 of the Act, and
 - 1.2.4 for recording of information: section 12 of the Act.

2. Scope

- 2.1 This Notice applies to all electronic communications with Medicare Australia where Medicare Australia requires Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) for secure:
 - lodgement
 - transmission
 - access, and
 - communication of data and informationto and from Medicare Australia by Medicare Australia approved Health Sector Entities (HSEs), Healthcare Individuals (HCIs) and Medicare Australia's Known Customers (individuals and sites (locations)).

3. Date of effect

3.1 1 October 2009.

4. Replaces

4.1 Notice of Information (IT) Requirements under the *Electronic Transactions Act 1999*

which is repealed with effect from 30 September 2009.

5. Definitions

5.1 Unless otherwise stated, all defined terms used in this Notice have the same meaning as those set out on Medicare Australia's web site:

<http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/business/online/register/policy.jsp>

as amended from time to time.

6. Information technology requirements of Medicare Australia

Gatekeeper PKI

6.1 Medicare Australia requires the use of Commonwealth Gatekeeper approved PKI for secure electronic communications.

6.2 Medicare Australia requires the use of PKI, using Keys and Certificates issued by Commonwealth Gatekeeper approved Certification Authorities and Registration Authorities for secure, encrypted electronic communication with Medicare Australia (including but not limited to, lodgement and transmission of, and access to, data and information).

6.3 For the purposes of this clause 6, Medicare Australia's information technology requirements are met by the use of:

- (a) Healthcare Site / Location (HCL) Keys and Certificates, and
- (b) Healthcare Individual (HCI) Keys and Certificates

during the operative life of those Keys and Certificates.

Medicare Australia Community of Interest PKI

6.4 These IT Requirements apply to Medicare Australia Known Customers in a Medicare Australia Community of Interest (CoI) PKI.

- 6.5 Where Medicare Australia requires PKI to be used for a transaction, Medicare Australia requires Medicare Australia Community of Interest PKI Keys and Certificates issued by an AGIMO accredited Certification Authority and Registration Authority be used for secure, encrypted electronic communication, including but not limited to, lodgement and transmission of, and access to, data and information.
- 6.6 For the purposes of this clause 6, Medicare Australia's information technology requirements are met by the use of Keys and Certificates issued by the following Gatekeeper accredited entities: ¹
- (a) Medicare Australia Root Certification Authority (Medicare Australia RCA): Medicare Australia ABN 75 174 030 967
 - (b) Medicare Australia Organisation Certification Authority (Medicare Australia OCA): Medicare Australia ABN 75 174 030 967
 - (c) Medicare Australia Registration Authority (Medicare Australia RA): Medicare Australia ABN 75 174 030 967.
- 6.7 For the purposes of this clause 6, Medicare Australia's information technology requirements are met by the use of:
- (a) Medicare Australia Site Certificates Communities of Interest (CoI) Site Certificate (Site Certificate), and
 - (b) Medicare Australia Healthcare Professional Community of Interest (CoI) Individual Certificate (Individual Certificate).

¹ These entities are either Gatekeeper accredited or are in the process of obtaining such accreditation
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