**Communiqué**

**Australian Digital Health Standards Advisory Group**

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The fourth meeting of the Australian Digital Health Standards Advisory Group took place on 24 June 2024.

Members reviewed outcomes of the May 2024 meeting of the Council for Connected Care and provided advice to the Agency related to final minimum requirements detailed in the draft Aged Care Clinical Information System Standard. The Agency invited members to provide any additional feedback on the draft Standard prior to its publication later in 2024, noting further work will follow to develop a change and adoption roadmap in support of sector-wide implementation.

Members welcomed a lively discussion around Australian participation in global standards development activities, noting the importance of ensuring Australian interests are represented and considered in the resulting Standards. Broad levels of Australian representation were noted at several international forums, including through the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), HL7 International, Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise, the International Council for Commonality in Blood Banking Automation, GS1, the Global Digital Health Partnership, SNOMED International and the World Health Organisation. Members also noted contributions from private Australian individuals in Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (DICOM) and Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes (LOINC).

Members advised additional government and industry support is needed to ensure Australian interests are consistently represented in global Standards initiatives and were keen to explore ways to share information on international events across industry.

A highlight of the meeting was an interactive workshop where members collaborated to inform the forward work plan for the Australian Digital Health Standards Advisory Group in 2024-25. Members shared their organisational priorities for standards work to help develop a shared forward agenda, and advised on key enablers and barriers to standards adoption which will be addressed through the work plan.

The next meeting of the Australian Digital Health Advisory Group will take place in September 2024.