

Statement of Objectives

Register on Web Site to View Changes to Standard Codes

The Standard Codes that are posted on the Indian Health Service (IHS) web site (<http://www.ihs.gov/CIO/scb/>) are updated whenever there is a change to their respective table. For local IHS sites that do not use the Resource and Patient Management System (RPMS), we would like to provide those sites with the opportunity to update their local systems that export data to the National Data Warehouse (NDW) with the latest Standard Codes. This would allow those sites to keep their exported data up-to-date; thus, providing the most accurate information for the Workload, User Population, and other clinical and administrative reports.

To accomplish this, IHS would like to allow various entities (IT professionals from I/T/U sites using COTS packages, Area staff, commercial entities providing IT solutions to local sites, etc.) to register on the IHS internet web site containing the Standard Codes tables.

This “site registration option” will include an e-mail notification, alerting those sites that a table posted on the Standard Codes web site has been updated. The update notification will be provided on a schedule either

- based on the end-of-month, when the formal updates are provided to RPMS through the current process, or
- as the change occurs, when the web site tables are refreshed (COTR’s preference).

At minimum, this e-mail notification will inform the registrant that

- a change has occurred in the Standard Codes tables, and
- a report is available at the web site, which includes pertinent information about the changes to the standard codes.

The sites can then download the information from the appropriate table to update their local systems that export data to the NDW.

Additional information could be included initially or considered as a future expansion of the notification, such as:

- clearer and more concise information about the Standard Code table that was modified
- what specifically was modified in the Standard Code table

- any other information about the change that might better inform the registrant as to their need to download the update from the web site

In summary, the initial objective is to allow individuals to register to receive an e-mail notification of critical changes to the Standard Codes tables so the registrant can act accordingly. The extent of the specific information provided and how refined (e.g., concise, focused) this first iteration of an e-mail notification is, will be dependant on the current scheduling of time and resources. Adding additional pertinent information and further refining the e-mail notification will be considered for future iterations.