



Future State: HIM - Deficiency Management: Letters (Send to Providers)

Cerner Workflow ID: 9991 (v. 14.0) Client Workflow ID: 501

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Workflow Details:

Workflow Name: HIM - Deficiency Management: Letters (Send to Providers)

Workflow State: Future State

Workstream: Post-Discharge/Post-Visit

Venue: Acute Care

Emergency Medicine

Perioperative

Client Owner:

Cerner Owner:

Standard: Yes

Related Workflow(s):

Tags:

Workflow Summary:

Service Line:

Related Solution(s): Health Information Management

Project Name: Niagara Health System:OPT-0297674:NIAG_CD Niagara HIS RFP

TestBuilder Script(s):

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Workflow Notes: For the steps to configure and follow the workflow, see [Understand Letters Send to Providers Workflow](#) .

With this workflow, deficiency letters are generated and sent to physicians.

Deficiency letters

can be printed, faxed, or emailed and a default distribution method can be set for each individual physician. Physicians automatically qualify for a letter depending on the parameters that are configured for the deficiency letters. Before distributing letters, you can determine which physicians will not receive a letter (for example, a physician on vacation).

Deficiency letters should be sent to physicians to assist with timely documentation and to avoid suspension, according to policies and procedures. While physicians are notified of their deficiencies in Message Center, sending letters via paper, fax, or email provides a secondary means of notification. It is important to review failure steps and re-send letters when applicable.

Introduced By: WS 1

Validated By: WS 2

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Swim Lane:

Role(s): HIM Clerk [Custom]

Department(s): Health Information Management

Security Position(s): HIM - Specialist

Off Page Reference [18384]

Workflow Link: HIM - Deficiency Management: Letters (Deficiency Review)

Value Impact: Quality

Start/Stop [18355]

Description: Log into AppBar.exe and open Letters Preference Tool

Work Step [18354]

Description: Select the New Changes tab

Work Step [18357]

Description: Click Load

Decision [18363]

Description: Do you receive an alert that "No personnel with new changes are found"?

System [18359]

Description: Providers with new email addresses or fax numbers will appear

Work Step [18367]

Description: For each provider, select either Email, Fax, or Paper

Comments: Paper: Will print to the default printer that is selected in the Print Setup of Letters.

Fax: Will be faxed to the the provider's fax number built in the Destination Routing Wizard.

Email: Will send to the provider's email address in HNAUser.exe.

If the fax or email radio button are dithered (disabled), the provider's fax or email is not configured in the above tools.

Work Step [18369]

Description: Click Save All

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Work Step [18194]

Description: From the AppBar, open Letters

Work Step [18196]

Description: Select Letter type

Comments: Model letters include:
Incomplete Letter
Reminder Letter
Suspension Letter

Work Step [18209]

Description: Update check boxes/radio button letter options as needed

Comments: If using visit level letters and the email feature, un-check "Print deficiencies" to send a letter without PHI.

Work Step [18198]

Description: Select Facility or default "All Facilities"

Work Step [18345]

Description: Click Retrieve Physicians

System [18347]

Description: Providers that qualify for letters based on the "Letter Details" filters appear

Comments: Letter details are configured in HIMLetterTemplate.exe

Work Step [18207]

Description: Highlight provider(s) that should not receive a letter

Work Step [18213]

Description: Click Move to send the providers to the "Do not print letters for:" section

Work Step [18350]

Description: Review distribution methods (Email, Fax, Paper) and adjust if needed

Comments: Letter preferences should be maintained using HIMLettersPreference.exe but can be adjusted if needed.

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System [18227]

Description: For providers with Paper preference, the letter will print to the HIM Specialist's default printer

Work Step [18233]

Description: Send provider letter via mail, certified mail, interoffice, etc.

Work Step [18218]

Description: Select Distribute Letters

System [18221]

Description: For providers with Fax preference, a fax will be sent to their fax address built in Destination Routing

Comments: Device Cross Reference was replaced by Core - Clinical Reporting: Clinical Reporting Destination Routing Bedrock wizard on 2018.06 code.

Decision [18231]

Description: Did the fax process through RRD?

Comments: Failures can include that the fax line was busy or that the receiving fax machine was off.

System [18393]

Description: Letters distribute

Work Step [18425]

Description: Click Print List to keep a paper list of providers and the letters that were sent

System [18224]

Description: For providers with Email preference, an email will be sent to their email address built in HNA User

Comments: Current functionality does not allow the letter to be sent via Cerner Direct/Secure Messaging or to Message Center. Test all email addresses prior to use.

Decision [18225]

Description: Was the email address valid?

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Decision [18275]

Description: Do policy and procedures include keeping a copy of the letter?

Step Impact: Policy/Procedure

Comments: Step more common for suspension workflows.

Work Step [18235]

Description: Bounce-back emails or replies will send to the email listed in the "Return email address field" in HIM Letter Template

Start/Stop [18403]

Description: Repeat steps for each letter type

Work Step [18276]

Description: Change preferences for all providers to paper (if not already set to paper)

Work Step [18278]

Description: Select Distribute Letters

Start/Stop [18291]

Description: File letters and purge letters per policy

Swim Lane:

Role(s): HIM Department

Department(s): Health Information Management

Security Position(s): HIM - IT

Work Step [18270]

Description: Update email address in HNA User

Work Step [18248]

Description: Periodically review fax failures in RRD Report Queue where the status is "Error"

Comments: RRD Report Queue includes all fax transmissions for the organization. Refer to the Report Title column to differentiate between the source and destinations of each fax transmission.

Start/Stop [18266]

Description: Notify HIM Manager to resubmit letter