

<b>Sponsor:</b>	<b>Implementation Date:</b> Immediate
<b>NHS Connecting for Health</b>	<b>Subject:</b> <b>National Administrative Codes Service: Amendments to Default Codes</b>
<b>DATA SET CHANGE NOTICE</b>	
This paper informs users of the approval of changes to an approved Information Standard by the NHS Information Standards Board	
<b>Summary:</b>  Two of the existing codes in the National Administrative Codes Service (NACS) issued default codes file require a description change to make their meaning and context of use clearer. The codes themselves will not be changing.  These codes are:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. V81999</li><li>2. V81998</li></ol> The updated descriptions are to be published by NACS in the May 2007 issue of codes data – this will be available from <a href="http://nww.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/nacs/">http://nww.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/nacs/</a> . Publicly available downloads can be accessed via <a href="http://www.nhs.uk/nacs/">http://www.nhs.uk/nacs/</a>	
<b>Note:</b>  This DSCN is in two parts:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Part 1 provides detailed policy information needed to implement the change</li><li>2. Part 2 provides the definitional, technical and modelling detail that will be included in the NHS Data Dictionary – Change Proposal CP 850</li></ol>	
<b>Datasets / return affected:</b>  National Administrative Codes Service (NACS) Default Codes file (filename default.csv).	
<b>Impact of Change:</b>	
<b>Service:</b> Minor	<b>System Suppliers:</b> Minor
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The ISB submission documents relating to the approval of this standard can be found at <a href="http://www.isb.nhs.uk/docs/NACS-default-codes-DSCN-05-2007.pdf">http://www.isb.nhs.uk/docs/NACS-default-codes-DSCN-05-2007.pdf</a>	
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## DATA SET CHANGE NOTICE

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<b>Reference No:</b>	DSCN 05/2007 CP 850
<b>Version No:</b>	1.0
<b>Subject:</b>	Changes to descriptions of National Administrative Codes Service (NACS) default codes for practices
<b>Type of Change:</b>	Change to an approved Information Standard
<b>Effective Date:</b>	May 2007
<b>Business Justification:</b>	Change is needed to definitions for two codes in order to make their meaning and context of use clearer
<b>Effect on other Information Standards:</b>	Data Dictionary

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### Introduction

The National Administrative Codes Service (NACS) maintain and publish a text file containing 'default' codes, for use in messaging where otherwise valid values are either not known or not applicable.

Two of the existing codes in the file require a description change to make their meaning and context of use clearer. The codes themselves will not be changing.

The codes provide default values for 'practice'.

### Background

Currently there are two codes in the default code file that provide values for use when a practice code is required but a valid code is either not known (for instance a patient has self presented having not been referred from a practice) or not applicable (for instance if the patient has been referred from a type of practice that is not currently coded such as a military practice).

These two codes and their definitions are currently as follows:

V81999 - CODE OF GP PRACTICE IS NOT KNOWN

V81998 - PRISON PRACTICE/DENTIST PRACTICE/PRACTICE CODE OF MOD DOCTOR/PRACTICE CODE NOT APPLICABLE

It is considered that the current definitions for these codes are somewhat confusing in that V81998 lists a number of different types of practice for which the default code could be used, whilst conversely V81999 specifies GP Practice.

### Details of Change

The definitions for these codes are to be changed to remove the specification of different types of practice. The intended differentiation is between 'not applicable' i.e. the patient has been referred from a type of treatment location that is not coded and 'not known' where it is simply the case that the information is not available for some reason. Specification of the type of practice within these default codes is not required and causes confusion. The codes will be changed as follows:

V81998 - PRACTICE CODE NOT APPLICABLE

V81999 - PRACTICE CODE NOT KNOWN

Note that the codes themselves are not changing, only their definitions; therefore impacts involved in updating systems should be minimal.

The amended file will be published on both the NACS CD Rom and NHSnet pages in the May 2007 quarterly production.

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## Change Request

### NHS Connecting for Health

#### NHS Data Model and Dictionary Service

<b>Reference:</b>	Change Request 850
<b>Version No:</b>	1.2
<b>Subject:</b>	Amendments to Default Codes
<b>Type of Change:</b>	Changes to NHS Data Standards
<b>Effective Date:</b>	May 2007
<b>Reason for Change:</b>	The proposed National Administrative Codes Service (NACS) change is intended to make it clearer to the user when default codes V81998 and V81999 should be used.

#### Background:

The National Administrative Codes Service (NACS) have produced a Data Set Change Notice to amend the description of default codes V81998 and V81999. Default codes are NACS codes which are used within the NHS to support messaging. The current default codes were highlighted as an issue by the NHS Information Standards Board appraisal group during the appraisal of Change Paper 795 (Organisation Codes/ Organisation Site Codes). The changes were approved and published in Data Set Change Notice 22/2006, recognising that a further change may be required following investigation of the issues raised.

The proposed NACS change is intended to make it clearer to the user when each default code should be used.

The two NACS default codes and their descriptions currently are:

- V81998 - Prison Practice/ Dentist Practice Code of MoD doctor/ practice not applicable
- V81999 - Code of GP Practice is not known

The codes will be changed to:

- V81998 - Practice Code not applicable
- V81999 - Practice Code not known

The updated descriptions will be published by NACS in their May 2007 issue of codes data (to be published on their website, and available from: <http://nww.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/nacs/>)

This Data Set Change Notice accompanies the National Administrative Codes Service Data Set Change Notice to introduce the new descriptions to the NHS Data Dictionary.

Changes to the NHS Data Dictionary can be found under the following areas:

- Default Codes Summary Table (Supporting Information):
  - V81998 and V81999 descriptions amended
- Code of GP Practice (Registered GMP) (Data Element):
  - V81998 and V81999 descriptions amended

#### Summary of changes:

##### Data Elements

[CODE OF GP PRACTICE \(REGISTERED GMP\)](#) Change to Description

## Supporting Information

### [DEFAULT CODES SUMMARY TABLE](#)

Change to Supporting Information

**Date:** 1 March 2007

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**Note:** New text is shown with a blue background. Deleted text is crossed out. Within the Diagrams deleted classes and relationships are red, changed items are blue and new items are green.

## DEFAULT CODES SUMMARY TABLE

Change to Supporting Information: Change to Supporting Information

### DEFAULT CODES SUMMARY

Default (or pseudo) codes may be used:

- ~~to indicate an organisation type, such as an MoD doctor or a Prison Practice;~~
- to indicate an organisation type, such as Commissioner Code for Ministry of Defence (MoD) Healthcare;
- to indicate that the code value is not known;
- to indicate that a code cannot be supplied (e.g. no referring doctor or dentist).

Person Default Codes	Code
<del>Consultant, General Medical Council (GMC) code not known</del>	<del>C9999998</del>
Consultant, General Medical Council (GMC) number not known	C9999998
Dentist code not applicable (dentist does not have Dental Practice Board number)	D9999981
<del>Dentist, Dental Practice Board code not known</del>	<del>D9999998</del>
Dentist, Dental Practice Board number not known	D9999998
<del>General Medical Practitioner (GMP) code not known</del>	<del>G9999998</del>
General Medical Practitioner (GMP) number not known	G9999998
Locum refers	Code of GP for whom locum is acting
Midwife	M9999998
Ministry of Defence (MoD) Doctor	A9999998
No registered General Practitioner	G9999981
Nurse	N9999998
Other health care professional	H9999998
Overseas visitor exempt from charges	TDH00
Private patients/Overseas visitor liable for charges	VPP00
<del>Prison doctor</del>	<del>P9999981</del>
Referrer Code not applicable, e.g. patient has self-presented or not known	X9999998
Referrer other than General Medical Practitioner, General Dental Practitioner or Consultant	R9999981
Organisation Default Codes	Code
<del>Code of General Practitioner Practice not known</del>	<del>V81999</del>
Commissioner Code for Ministry of Defence (MoD) Healthcare	XMD00
<del>Dentist Practice</del>	<del>V81998</del>
Commissioner Code for Ministry of Defence (MoD) Healthcare	XMD00
Organisation Code (Code of Provider) - non-NHS UK provider where no organisation	89999

code has been issued	
Organisation Code (Code of Provider) - non-UK provider where no organisation code has been issued	89997
<del>Practice code not applicable</del>	<del>V81998</del>
Practice Code not applicable	V81998
<del>Practice code of Ministry of Defence (MoD) Doctor</del>	<del>V81998</del>
Practice Code not known	V81999
Primary Care Trust code not applicable (e.g. overseas visitors, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland). Note: this code must not be used in the Commissioning Data Set (CDS) header. It is not a default Commissioner code.	X98
Primary Care Trust of residence not known Note: This code must not be used in the CDS header. It is not a default commissioner code.	Q99
<del>Prison Practice</del>	<del>V81998</del>
Referring Organisation Code not applicable	X99998
Referring Organisation Code not known	X99999
Strategic Health Authority of residence not known	Q99
Organisation Site Default Codes	Code
Site Code (of Treatment) - not a hospital site (for use on Out-Patient CDS)	R9998
Site Code (of Treatment) - non-NHS UK Provider where no Organisation Site Code has been issued	89999
Site Code (of Treatment) - non-UK Provider where no Organisation Site Code has been issued	89997

## CODE OF GP PRACTICE (REGISTERED GMP)

Change to Data Element: Change to Description

Format/length:	an6 - see ORGANISATION CODE
HES item:	GPPRAC
National Codes:	
<del>Default Codes:</del>	<del>V81998 - Practice code not applicable</del>
Default Codes:	V81998 - Practice Code not applicable
	<del>V81999 - Code of GP Practice not known</del>
	V81999 - Practice Code not known

### Notes:

The code of the practice is an ORGANISATION CODE.

~~This is the code of the practice of the PATIENT's registered GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER (GMP) which lets him or her be notified about treatment received by the PATIENT. The registered GMP may or may not be the same as the referring GMP.~~ This is the code of the practice of the PATIENT's registered GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER which lets him or her be notified about treatment received by the PATIENT. The registered GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER may or may not be the same as the referring GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER.

This data element is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	CODE OF GP PRACTICE (REGISTERED GMP)

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