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Western Australia (WA) Home and Community Care Minimum Data Set (MDS) Version 2

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MDS Report due: THURSDAY 23RD APRIL 2009

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HACC MDS reporting is upon us again. Organisations are reminded to report their data by the fifteenth business day, which will be **Thursday 23rd April 2009**.

Reporting as early as possible in the month ensures that there is sufficient time to make corrections and re-submit if/as required.

Quarterly MDS data should be sent to the National Data Repository (NDR) at:

mdssubmission@haccmds.gov.au

At the same time, providers* should 'cc' a copy of the MDS data to the HACC mailbox:

haccwa@health.wa.gov.au



*Alternative arrangements may exist for some agencies in the Kimberley and Pilbara regions

On submitting your data, **you should receive two response emails** (within 24 hours) **from the NDR.**

If you do not receive these response emails from the NDR, check that the email address you used was correct. If you are sure it was correct but you have had no response, you should contact the NDR Helpdesk:

Ph: 1800 638 427

You should also receive an email from HACC WA within a week, which will include an attached summary of your data. **You should check this summary to ensure that your reported volumes look correct.**

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Is data reported by financial year or by calendar year?

A. Quarterly MDS reporting to the National Data Repository (NDR) is based on calendar years. However, in the WA HACC Program, we generally refer to financial years in order to be consistent with other WA reporting requirements.

Example :

Your January to March 2009 MDS will be reported to the NDR as 2009/1. This is also what will appear on your CSV summary.

However, when the data is returned from the NDR it will be reported on the WA HACC database as 2008/09 Quarter 3.

Further Information

If you have any further questions regarding this Bulletin or MDS in general, please contact Dawn Kerr ☎9222 4061 or Craig Robinson ☎9222 4028

Further MDS information is available from the WA HACC website:

<http://www.health.wa.gov.au/HACC/mds/index.cfm>

On this website, you will also find a link to the Australian Government MDS website, from which further MDS resources including the **National MDS User Guide** can be downloaded.