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Dear HL7 Member,

The v2 Management Group has asked me to forward you a correction to the currently published HL7 Messaging Standard v2.9 (HL7 v2.9). The standard can be found at http://www.hl7.org/implement/standards/product_brief.cfm?product_id=516.

When HL7 v2.9 was created, the Access Restrictions segment ARV was deprecated in the body of all messages where it had previously been found immediately following the segment for which it applies.   Instead, the ARV should be placed at the top of the messages following the Message Header segment MSH as an optional, repeating segment, [{ARV}]. This update was not applied to all v2.9 messages that may contain patient related data, i.e., messages that permit the use of the Patient segment PID.

This correction is to permit the use of the Access Restriction segment ARV according to its definition in HL7 v2.9 in any message definition containing the Patient segment PID. The Access Restriction segment ARV SHALL immediately follow the Message Header segment MSH as an optional and repeating segment, [{ARV}], unless the Message Acknowledgement segment MSA is present. In such cases, the Access Restriction segment ARV SHALL immediately follow the Message Acknowledgement segment MSA as an optional and repeating segment, [{ARV}]. Placement anywhere else in the message is not permitted and in all instances when it appears, the Access Restriction segment ARV SHALL be considered deprecated as of HL7 v2.9.

The next balloted and published version of the standard will contain these corrections in all applicable messages. However, the v2 Management Group felt that this letter should be sent out now to ensure that all who use this standard have the most current information.

Sincerely,

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