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# Introduction to this Supplement

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Whenever possible, IHE profiles are based on established and stable underlying standards. However, if an IHE committee determines that an emerging standard offers significant benefits for the use cases it is attempting to address and has a high likelihood of industry adoption, it may develop IHE profiles and related specifications based on such a standard.  The IHE committee will take care to update and republish the IHE profile in question as the underlying standard evolves. Updates to the profile or its underlying standards may necessitate changes to product implementations and site deployments in order for them to remain interoperable and conformant with the profile in question.  This DCP Profile uses the emerging HL7®[[1]](#footnote-1) FHIR®[[2]](#footnote-2) specification. The FHIR release profiled in this supplement is STU 3. HL7 describes the STU (Standard for Trial Use) standardization state at <https://www.hl7.org/fhir/versions.html>.  In addition, HL7 provides a rating of the maturity of FHIR content based on the FHIR Maturity Model (FMM): level 0 (draft) through 5 (normative ballot ready). The FHIR Maturity Model is described at <http://hl7.org/fhir/versions.html#maturity>.  Key FHIR STU 3 content, such as Resources or ValueSets, used in this profile, and their FMM levels are:   |  |  | | --- | --- | | FHIR Resource Name | FMM Level | | CarePlan | 2 | | Subscription | 3 | | PlanDefinition | 2 | | ActivityDefinition | 2 | |

The Dynamic Care Planning (DCP) Profile provides the structures and transactions for care planning and sharing Care Plans that meet the needs of many, such as providers, patients and payers. Care Plans can be dynamically updated as the patient interacts with the healthcare system. HL7 FHIR resources and transactions are used by this profile. This profile does not define, nor assume, a single Care Plan for a patient.

## Open Issues and Questions

1. Care Plan Contributor vs. Care Plan Creator
2. Is an ATNA Grouping required? If so, how does that impact potential mobile uses of this profile?
3. When profiling the FHIR Resource make sure we can make references to existing documents. (4/25/16 – what / who is the source of this issue?)
4. Concepts from the Care Plan model, DAM or C-CDA, do not have clear mappings to the FHIR CarePlan resource.
5. The CarePlan resource includes activity.actionResulting – need understanding how this related to Care Plan concepts.

## Closed Issues

1. 2/15/16 Scope: This profile will not attempt to ‘discover’ all possible providers that have provided care for the patient. …this means that information on the location of actors is not profiled and is obtained by methods outside of the scope of this profile (similar to how XDS actors know with whom they communicate).
2. (2/16/16) The Care Plan Contributor should use the following pattern, from <http://hl7.org/fhir/http.html#transactional-integrity>

* The server provides a [read](http://hl7.org/fhir/http.html#read) interaction for any resource it accepts [update](http://hl7.org/fhir/http.html#update) interactions on
* Before updating, the client [reads](http://hl7.org/fhir/http.html#read) the latest version of the resource
* The client applies the changes it wants to the resource, leaving other information intact (note the [extension related rules](http://hl7.org/fhir/extensibility.html#exchange) around this)
* The client writes the result back as an [update](http://hl7.org/fhir/http.html#update) interaction, and is able to handle a 409 or 412 response (usually by trying again)

If clients follow this pattern, then information from other systems that they do not understand will be maintained through the update.

Note that it's possible for a server to choose to maintain the information that would be lost, but there is no defined way for a server to determine whether the client omitted the information because it wasn't supported (perhaps in this case) or whether it wishes to delete the information.

1. (3/28/16) Does FHIR Search using POST create a resource when the search fails to match on the search criteria?  
   No, the search operation, indicated by \_search, does not cause creation of content on the server.
2. (7/18/16) Should the FHIR CarePlan.subject be restricted to Patient?
3. What does CarePlan.subject of type Group mean?

In behavioral science where "Group" can be family, disaster victim/survivor group, defense or police force groups

Example: treatment of PTSD in these groups requires observation and management of group dynamics

In public health where "Group" can be family, community, residents of certain floors or entire building, airplane/cruise passenger cohort

Example: tracking, monitoring and managing communicable diseases outbreak in these groups

1. (closed 8/24/2017) Need to determine the FHIR version and what to do about future updates.

See Introduction to this Supplement section.

1. (closed on 2/15/16) This profile will not attempt to ‘discover’ all possible providers that have provided care for the patient. There are other means of discovering patient’s points of care such as state HIE services, Nationwide Health Information Network (NwHIN) and CommonWell Health Alliance. This profile will account for known providers that have provided care for the patient.
2. (closed 8/24/2017) The modeling of the Care Team is changing with newer versions of FHIR. How do we handle these changes?

See Introduction to this Supplement section.

1. (closed 7/18/16) Should the FHIR CarePlan.subject be restricted to Patient?

What does CarePlan.subject of type Group mean?

1. (closed 3/28/16) Does FHIR Search using POST create a resource when the search fails to match on the search criteria?
2. (Closed 12/20/2017) Differing "roles" on the Care Team will likely be needed. We stated in the open issues that representation of the Care Team is not well defined yet and still needs to be addressed.

# General Introduction

Update the following Appendices to the General Introduction as indicated below. Note that these are not appendices to Volume 1.

Appendix A – Actor Summary Definitions

Add the following actors to the IHE Technical Frameworks General Introduction list of actors:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Actor | Definition |
| Care Plan Contributor | This actor reads, creates and updates Care Plans hosted on a Care Plan Service. This actor also reads, creates and updates Plan Definitions hosted on a Care Plan Guidance Service. |
| Care Plan Service | This actor manages Care Plans received from Care Plan Contributors, and provides updated Care Plans to subscribed Care Plan Contributors. |
| Care Plan Guidance Service | This actor manages Plan Definition received from Care Plan Contributors, and provides updated Plan Definitions to subscribed Care Plan Contributors. |

Appendix B – Transaction Summary Definitions

Add the following transactions to the IHE Technical Frameworks General Introduction list of Transactions:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Transaction | Definition |
| Update Care Plan | Update an existing or create a new Care Plan |
| Retrieve Care Plan | Retrieve a Care Plan |
| Subscribe to Care Plan Updates | Subscribe to receive updated Care Plans for specific patients |
| Provide Care Plan | Provide updated Care Plans to subscribers |
| Search for Care Plan | Used to find a Care Plan |
| Search for Plan Definition | Used to find a Plan Definition |
| Retrieve Plan Definition | Retrieve a Plan Definition |
| Update Plan Definition | Update an existing or create a new Plan Definition |
| Subscribe to Plan Definition updates | Subscribe to receive updated Plan Definitions for specific conditions |
| Provide Plan Definition | Provide updated Plan Definition to subscribers |
| Provide Activity Definition | Provide applicable Activity Definition |

Glossary

Add the following glossary terms to the IHE Technical Frameworks General Introduction Glossary:

| Glossary Term | Definition |
| --- | --- |
| Care Plan Domain Analysis Model | A common reference used to support the development of implementable care plan models[[3]](#footnote-3) |
| Coordination of Care Services Functional Model | Supports shared and coordinated care plans as well as support of multidisciplinary care team members to communicate changes resulting from care plan interventions and collaborate in removing barriers to care.[[4]](#footnote-4) |
| Care Plan (as used in this profile) | Tool used by clinicians to plan and coordinate care for an individual patient. It aids in understanding and coordinating the actions that need to be performed for the target of care. The care plan is known by several similar and often interchangeable names such as the plan of care and treatment plan.[[5]](#footnote-5) |
| Plan Definition (as used in this profile) | Contain action definition which describes an activity to be performed[[6]](#footnote-6). |
| Activity Definition (as used in this profile) | Specific actions to be performed as part of care planning.[[7]](#footnote-7) |

Volume 1 – Profiles

## Copyright Licenses

NA

Add the following to the IHE Technical Frameworks General Introduction Copyright section:

## Domain-specific additions

NA

Add Section X

# X Dynamic Care Planning (DCP) Profile

The Dynamic Care Planning (DCP) Profile provides the structures and transactions for care planning and sharing Care Plans that meet the needs of many, such as providers, patients and payers. Care Plans can be dynamically created from tools used to support evidence-base. These care plans can be updated as the patient interacts with the healthcare system. HL7 FHIR resources and transactions are used by this profile. This profile does not define, nor assume, a single Care Plan for a patient.

Globally, the healthcare system is highly fragmented. Fragmentation can increase the number of hospital re-admissions. According to claims data reported for the Medicare beneficiaries in 2003-2004, 19.6% of re-hospitalizations occur within 30 days after discharge. This translated into $17.4 billion dollars in hospital payments from Medicare in 2004.[[8]](#footnote-8)

The numbers of service delivery encounters required by individuals as well as the failure to deliver and coordinate needed services, are significant sources of frustration and errors, and are drivers of health care expenditures. Providing person-centered care is particularly important for medically-complex and/or functionally impaired individuals given the complexity, range, and on-going and evolving nature of their health status and the services needed. Effective, collaborative partnerships between service providers and individuals are necessary to ensure that individuals have the ability to participate in planning their care and that their wants, needs, and preferences are respected in health care decision making. The ability to target appropriate services and to coordinate care over time, across multiple clinicians and sites of service, with the engagement of the individual (i.e., longitudinal coordination of care) is essential to alleviating fragmented, duplicative and costly care for these medically-complex and/or functionally impaired persons.

## X.1 DCP Actors, Transactions, and Content Modules

This section defines the actors, transactions, and/or content modules in this profile. General definitions of actors are given in the Technical Frameworks General Introduction Appendix A at [http://ihe.net/Technical\_Frameworks](http://ihe.net/Technical_Frameworks/).

Figure X.1-1 shows the actors directly involved in the DCP Profile and the relevant transactions between them. If needed for context, other actors that may be indirectly involved due to their participation in other related profiles are shown in dotted lines. Actors which have a mandatory grouping are shown in conjoined boxes.

Care Plan Guidance Service

Care Plan Contributor

↓Update Care Plan [PCC-37]

↓ Search for Care Plan [PCC-41]

↓ Retrieve Care Plan [PCC-38]

↓ Subscribe to Care Plan Updates [PCC-39]

↑ Provide Care Plan [PCC-40]

Care Plan Service

↓ Search for Plan Def [PCC-Y1]

↓ Retrieve Plan Def [PCC-Y2]

↓Update Plan Def [PCC-Y3]

↓ Subscribe to Plan Def Updates [PCC-Y4]

↑ Provide Plan Def [PCC-Y5]

↑ Provide Activity Def [PCC-Y6]

Content  
Creator

Content Consumer

[PCC-1]   
Share Content

Figure X.1-1: DCP Actor Diagram

Table X.1-1: DCP Profile - Actors and Transactions

| Actors | Transactions | Optionality | Reference |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Care Plan Contributor | Update Care Plan | R | PCC TF-2: 3.37 |
| Search for Care Plan | R | PCC TF-2: 3.41 |
| Retrieve Care Plan | R | PCC TF-2: 3.38 |
| Subscribe to Care Plan Updates | O | PCC TF-2: 3.39 |
| Provide Care Plan | O | PCC TF-2: 3.40 |
| Search for Plan Definition | O | PCC TF-2: 3.Y1 |
| Retrieve Plan Definition | O | PCC TF-2: 3.Y2 |
| Update Plan Definition | O | PCC TF-2: 3.Y3 |
| Subscribe to Plan Definition Updates | O | PCC TF-2: 3.Y4 |
| Care Plan Service | Search for Care Plan | R | PCC TF-2: 3.41 |
| Update Care Plan | R | PCC TF-2: 3.37 |
| Retrieve Care Plan | R | PCC TF-2: 3.38 |
| Subscribe to Care Plan Updates | R | PCC TF-2: 3.39 |
| Provide Care Plan | R (as initiator) | PCC TF-2: 3.40 |
| Care Plan Guidance Service | Search for Plan Definition | R | PCC TF-2: 3.Y1 |
| Provide Plan Definition | R (as initiator) | PCC TF-2: 3.Y5 |
| Provide Activity Definition | R | PCC TF-2: 3.Y6 |
| Update Plan Definition | R | PCC TF-2: 3.Y3 |
| Retrieve Plan Definition | R | PCC TF-2: 3.Y2 |
| Subscribe to Plan Definition Updates | R | PCC TF-2: 3.Y4 |
| Content Creator | Share Content [PCC-1] | R | PCC TF-2:3.1 |
| Content Consumer | Share Content [PCC-1] | R | PCC TF-2:3.1 |

Table X.1-1 lists the transactions for each actor directly involved in the DCP Profile. To claim compliance with this profile, an actor shall support all required transactions (labeled “R”) and may support the optional transactions (labeled “O”).

### X.1.1 Actor Descriptions and Actor Profile Requirements

Most requirements are documented in Transactions (Volume 2) and Content Modules (Volume 3). This section documents any additional requirements on profile’s actors.

There are three actors in this profile. The first actor is the Care Plan Contributor actor. This actor interacts with both the Care Plan Service actor and the Care Plan Guidance Service actor. The second actor is the Care Plan Service actor. This actor manages patient specific Care Plans. The third actor is the Care Plan Guidance Service actor. This actor manages Plan Definitions that are used for order sets, protocols, clinical practice guidelines, etc. Each actor is described in detail below.

#### X.1.1.1 Care Plan Contributor

This actor does the following two things:

1. Reads, creates and updates Care Plans hosted by a Care Plan Service.
2. Reads, creates and updates Plan Definitions hosted by a Care Plan Guidance Service.

In order to ensure data integrity, as is necessary when multiple Care Plan Contributors are attempting to update to the same Care Plan, the Care Plan Contributor SHALL use the following pattern, (from http://hl7.org/fhir/http.html#transactional-integrity)

* Before updating, the Care Plan Contributor SHALL read the latest version of the Care Plan;
* The Care Plan Contributor SHALL apply the changes (additions, updates, deletions) it wants to the Care Plan, leaving all other information intact;
* The Care Plan Contributor SHALL write the Care Plan back as an update interaction, and is able to handle a failure response, commonly due to other Contributor Updates (usually by trying again).

The same pattern SHALL be used when multiple Care Plan Contributors are updating the same Plan Definition hosted by a Care Plan Guidance Service..

* Before updating, the Care Plan Contributor SHALL read the latest version of the Plan Definition;
* The Care Plan Contributor SHALL apply the changes (additions, updates, deletions) it wants to the Plan Definition, leaving all other information intact;
* The Care Plan Contributor SHALL write the Plan Definition back as an update interaction, and is able to handle a failure response, commonly due to other Contributor Updates (usually by trying again).

If a Care Plan Contributor follows this pattern, then information from other systems that they do not manage will be maintained through the update.

#### X.1.1.2 Care Plan Service

This actor manages Care Plans received from Care Plan Contributors, and provides updated Care Plans to subscribers.

As described above under the Care Plan Contributor, the Care Plan Service receives a Care Plan and manages versions of the Care Plan as a whole. Note – the Care Plan Service SHALL support versioning of the CarePlan resource.

The Care Plan Service SHALL support the delete interaction for the Subscription resource. See <http://hl7.org/fhir/http.html#delete>. This enables a Care Plan Contributor to unsubscribe from updates for a care plan.

#### X.1.1.3 Care Plan Guidance Service

This actor manages Plan Definitions received from Care Plan Contributors, and provides updated Plan Definitions to subscribers. Examples of Plan Definitions include order sets, protocols, clinical practice guideline, decision support rules, etc.[[9]](#footnote-9)

As described above under the Care Plan Contributor, the Care Plan Guidance Service receives a Plan Definition and manages versions of the Plan Definition as a whole. Note – the Plan Definition Service SHALL support versioning of the PlanDefinition resource.

The Care Plan Definition Service SHALL support the delete interaction for the Subscription resource. See <http://hl7.org/fhir/http.html#delete>. This enables a Care Plan Contributor to unsubscribe from updates for a Plan Definition.

#### X.1.1.4 Content Consumer

The Content Consumer in this profile is similar to content consumers defined in other IHE profiles. It has one requirement, which is that it must be able to consume clinical content as defined in the PCC Technical Framework.

1. The Content Consumer MAY implement a content profile supporting a Medical Summary as defined in PCC TF-2:6.3.1.2 Medical Summary.

#### X.1.1.5 Content Creator

The Content Creator in this profile is similar to content creators defined in other IHE profiles. It has one requirement, which is that it must be able to share content containing, for example, RequestGroup resources such as ReferralRequest, MedicationRequest, etc. This actor should support the Share Content option.

1. The Content Creator shall be grouped with a Care Plan Contributer Actor to share RequestGroup resources.
2. The Content Creator SHALL create RequestGroup resources with at least one request resource.
3. The Content Creator SHALL share request resources.

## X.2 DCP Actor Options

Options that may be selected for each actor in this profile, if any, are listed in Table X.2-1. Dependencies between options when applicable are specified in notes.

Table X.2-1: DCP - Actors and Options

| Actor | Option Name | Reference |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Care Plan Contributor | Subscribe to Care Plan Updates | 3.39 |
| Subscribe to Plan Definition Updates | 3.Y.4 |
| Content Creator | Share Content | PCC TF-2:3.1 |
| Care Plan Service | No options defined | -- |
| Care Plan Guidance Service | No options defined | -- |

### X.2.1 Subscribe to Care Plan Updates

Support for this Subscribe to Care Plan Updates means that the optional Subscribe to Care Plan Updates [PCC-39] and the optional Provide Care Plan [PCC-40] are both supported.

The alternative to subscribing to care plan updates is a polling process, where a Care Plan Contributor would periodically query for a CarePlan resource history and determine that a Retrieve Care Plan was necessary.

### X.2.2 Subscribe to Plan Definition Updates

Support for this Subscribe to Plan Definition Updates means that the optional Subscribe to Plan Definition Updates [PCC-Y4] and the optional Provide Plan Definition [PCC-Y5] are both supported.

The alternative to subscribing to plan definition updates is a polling process, where a Care Plan Contributor would periodically query for a PlanDefinition resource history and determine that a Retrieve Plan Definition was necessary.

## X.3 DCP Required Actor Groupings

Table X.3-1: DCP - Required Actor Groupings

| DCP Actor | Actor to be grouped with | Reference | Content Bindings Reference |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Care Plan Contributor | ~~None~~ Content Creator | PCC TF- 1:X.3.3 |  |
| Care Plan Service | none |  | -- |

### X.3.1 Content Creator

The Content Creator must be grouped with the Care Plan Contributor.

## X.4 DCP Overview

Care planning is needed to manage medically complex and/or functionally impaired individuals as they interact with the health care system. Often, these individuals require real time coordination of the care as they receive care from multiple care providers and care settings. HL7 Care Plan Domain Analysis Model (CP DAM) depicts the care plan as a tool used by clinicians to plan and coordinate care[[10]](#footnote-10). Effective care planning and care coordination for patient with complex health problems and needs are needed throughout the world. Both the European Union and the United States are currently working to encourage more effective use of information and communication technology to support the delivery of health services. This has led to the promotion of interoperability of health information and communication technology products and services.[[11]](#footnote-11)

In the United States, providers and payers are interested in ensuring that patients are receiving effective and efficient care. The Medicare and Medicaid EHR incentive programs provide financial incentives to care providers for the meaningful use of certified EHR technology that supports care coordination[[12]](#footnote-12). According to the United States Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology’s Connecting Health and Care for the Nation Shared Nationwide Interoperability Roadmap, “Providers also play a critical role in coordinating care with other providers in support of patients. However, coordinating care and engaging with multi-disciplinary, cross-organization care, support and service teams has been incredibly difficult with the tools available today. Technology that does not facilitate the sharing and use of electronic health information that providers need, when they need it, which often creates additional challenges to care coordination. Additionally, care coordination via electronic means requires workflow changes for providers and their staff, particularly to close referral loops and ensure all of an individual’s health information is available to the entire care, support and services team. These workflow changes are not insignificant and must be overcome in order to enable interoperability.”[[13]](#footnote-13)

CP DAM recognizes that many clinical settings use multiple tools such as (templates, protocols, care pathways, ordersets) without regards of overlap or discrepancy in care planning[[14]](#footnote-14). This profile depicts how multiple care plans can be created with the use of coordinated tools by using FHIR planDefinition. The Care Plan can then be shared and used to plan and coordinate care.

### X.4.1 Concepts

Care plans have many different meanings to many different people. Each discipline has its own definition of what a care plan is and what it contains. Dynamic care planning expands the concept of care planning from being only discipline specific to an interdisciplinary process where all disciplines that care for the patient are able to share their plans of care, treatment plans, health issues, interventions and goals/outcomes, etc. for the patient. For a view of the Shared Care Planning process, see <ftp://ftp.ihe.net/TF_Implementation_Material/PCC/DCP/Use%20Case%20Dynamic%20Care%20Planning%20Diagram.pptx>

As identified in the IHE PCC Nursing White Paper to Advocate the Uptake of Patient Plan of Care and eNursing Summary Profiles July 2012, each clinical discipline’s plan of care or treatment plan should be incorporated into one overarching central Care Plan for the patient.

In environments where there is no centralized care plan, this profile enables care team members to share the details of their specific care plans with other providers to coordinate care. For example, a payer or provider might share a care plan they have for a patient with the provider who is caring for them, or the payer who is covering the care of the patient using this profile, without any assumption that there is a centrally managed singular care plan for the patient.

### X.4.2 Use Case

This profile reuses the HL7 Care Plan Domain Analysis Model specification storyboard 2: Chronic Conditions[[15]](#footnote-15) with permission from HL7 Patient Care Work Group. The storyboard includes chronic disease management as well as a transition of care episode. This profile asserts that the providers depicted in the use cases are utilizing care protocols or order sets as part of their workflow process. The profile will not go into detail as to the content of the care protocols or order sets.

For the purpose of IHE profiling, the storyboard is being referred to as a use case.

#### X.4.2.1 Use Case: Chronic Conditions

The use case provides narrative description of clinical scenarios where the care plan is accessed, updated or used during care provision. For a process flow diagram of this entire use case, see the diagram at: <ftp://ftp.ihe.net/TF_Implementation_Material/PCC/DCP/DynamicCarePlanningFlow_chronicCondition.vsd>

##### X.4.2.1.1 Chronic Conditions Use Case Description

The purpose of the HL7 chronic conditions care plan storyboard (use case) is to illustrate the creation/update, communication flow and documentation of a care plan. The Care plan is then shared between a patient, his or her primary care provider, ancillary providers and specialists involved in the care and treatment of a case of Type II Diabetes Mellitus. It consists of four types of encounters (although in reality there could be many more encounters) which also include an episode of care in which transition of care occurs. The following encounters are depicted:

* Encounter A: Primary Care Physician Initial Visit
* Encounter(s) B: Allied Health Care Provider Visits/Specialist Visits
* Encounter(s) C: ED Visit with hospital admission (inpatient stay)
* Encounter D: Primary Care Follow-up post hospital discharge Visit

The use case contains the following actors and roles.

* Primary Care Physician: Dr. Patricia Primary
* Patient: Mr. Bob Anyman
* Diabetic Educator: Ms. Edith Teaching
* Dietitian/Nutritionist: Ms. Debbie Nutrition
* Exercise Physiologist: Mr. Ed Active
* Pharmacist: Ms. Susan Script
* Optometrist: Dr. Victor Vision
* Podiatrist: Dr. Barry Bunion
* Psychologist: Dr. Larry Listener
* Emergency Department Physician: Dr. Eddie Emergent
* Hospital Attending Physician: Dr. Allen Attend

###### X.4.2.1.1.1 Encounter A: Primary Care Physician Initial Visit

**Pre-conditions:** Patient Mr. Bob Anyman attends his primary care physician (PCP) clinic because he has been feeling generally unwell in the past 7-8 months. His recent blood test results reveal abnormal glucose challenge test profile.

**Description of Encounter:** Dr. Patricia Primary reviews Mr. Anyman’s medical history, presenting complaints and the oral glucose tolerance test results and concludes the patient suffers from Type II Diabetes Mellitus (Type II DM). Dr. Primary accesses Mr. Anyman’s medical record, and records the clinical assessment findings and the diagnosis.

Dr. Primary discusses with Mr. Anyman the identified problems, potential risks, goals, management strategies and intended outcomes. After ensuring that these are understood by the patient, Dr. Primary begins to draw up a customized chronic condition (Type II DM) care plan based on a standardized multi-disciplinary evidenced-based Type II DM care plan adopted for use by her practice. The care plan is derived from American Diabetes Association 2017 Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes[[16]](#footnote-16). Agreed goals and scheduled activities specific for the care of Mr. Anyman are entered into the care plan.

Dr. Primary also discusses with the patient the importance of good nutrition and medication management and exercise in achieving good control of the disease, as well as the criticality of good skin/foot care and eye care to prevent complications. Scheduling of consultations with diabetic educator, dietitian, exercise physiologist, community pharmacist, optometrist, and podiatrist (allied health care providers) is discussed and agreed to by the patient. The frequency of visit to allied health care providers is scheduled according to the national professional recommendation for collaborative diabetes care. Dr. Primary also notices signs and symptoms of mood changes in the patient after the diagnosis is made. She recommends that the patient may benefit from seeing a clinical psychologist to which the patient also agrees.

Dr. Primary generates a set of referrals to these allied health care providers. The referrals contain information about the patient’s medical history including the recent diagnosis of Type II diabetes, reasons for referral, requested services and supporting clinical information such as any relevant clinical assessment findings including test results. A copy of the care plan agreed to by the patient is made available with the referral.

**Post Condition:** Once the care plan is completed, it is committed to the patient’s medical record. The patient is offered a copy of the plan.

A number of referrals in the form of notification/request for services together with the care plan are made available to the relevant health care providers.

The patient is advised to follow the referral practice/protocol specific to the local health care system or insurance plan. For the first appointment, the patient may wait for scheduled appointments from the relevant health care providers to whom referral/request for services have been made, or may be able to schedule his own appointment using booking systems of the specialist or allied health providers.

Plan Definition Management System as Care Plan Guidance Service

Encounter A

PCP EHR  
as Care Plan Contributor

Search for Plan Definition

Retrieve Plan Definition

Provide Plan Definition

Update Plan Definition

Figure X.4.2.1.1.1-1: Encounter A: Basic Process Flow for Plan Definition

Encounter A

PCP EHR  
as Care Plan Contributor

Care Plan Management System as Care Plan Service

Patient Portal as Care Plan Contributor

Update Care Plan

Provide Care Plan

Retrieve Care Plan

Subscribe to Care Plan Updates

Retrieve Care Plan

Search for Care Plan

Figure X.4.2.1.1.1-2: Encounter A: Basic Process Flow for Care Plan

###### X.4.2.1.1.2 Encounter(s) B: Allied Health Care Providers and Specialists

**Pre-conditions:** Mr. Anyman’s allied health care providers and specialists have received a referral with copy of care plan from Dr. Patricia Primary.

The allied health care providers and specialists have accepted the referral and scheduled a first visit with the patient – Mr. Bob Anyman.

The case has been assigned to the following individual allied health care providers and referrals made to the applicable specialists:

1. Ms. Edith Teaching (Diabetic Educator) for development and implementation of comprehensive diabetic education program and plan to ensure that the patient understands the nature of the disease, the problem, potential complications and how best to manage the condition and prevention of potential complications.
2. Ms. Debbie Nutrition (Dietitian/Nutritionist) for development and implementation of a nutrition care plan for diabetes to ensure effective stabilization of the blood glucose level with the help of effective diet control.
3. Mr. Ed Active (Exercise Physiologist) for development and implementation of an exercise regime.
4. In certain countries (e.g., Australia), the community pharmacist (Ms. Susan Script) provides patient with education on diabetic medications prescribed for the patient by Dr. Primary, and development and implementation of an effective and safe medication management program. The objectives are to gain and maintain effective control of the condition and to prevent hypo- and hyper- glycemic episodes.
5. Dr. Larry Listener (clinical psychologist) for counseling and to develop and implement an emotional support program; this includes a plan to reduce the impact of emotional stress brought about by the newly diagnosed condition and to improve the patient’s psychological well-being. The plan may include enrolling patient in diabetic support group.
6. Dr. Victor Vision (Optometrist) for regular (e.g., 6 monthly) visual and retinal screening and to educate patient on the eye care and how best to prevent/minimize the risks of ocular complications.
7. Dr. Barry Bunion (Podiatrist) for education on the risks of foot complications and to develop and implement an effective foot care program including regular self-assessment, care of the feet and follow-up visits.

**Description of Encounter:** The patient is registered at the allied health care provider/specialist’s reception. Any additional or new information provided by the patient is recorded in the health care record system operated by the allied health provider clinic.

During the first consultation, the allied health care provider/specialist reviews the referral and care plan provided by Dr. Primary. The creation/update of the care plan is based on order sets, care guides, protocols, etc.

During subsequent consultation, the allied health care provider/specialist reviews the patient’s health care record and most recent care plan of the patient.

At each consultation, the allied health care provider reviews the patient’s health record, assesses the patient, checks the progress and any risks of non-adherence (compliance) and complications, and discusses the outcomes of the management strategies and/or risks. Any difficulties in following the management strategies or activities by the patient are discussed. Any new/revised goals and timing, new intervention and self-care activities are discussed and agreed to by the patient. The new/changed activities are scheduled and target dates agreed upon.

The allied health care provider updates the clinical notes and the care plan with the assessment details, and any changes to the management plan including new advice to the patient. The date of next visit is also determined.

Table X.4.2.1.1.2-1: Allied Health Professionals/Specialists Encounters – Activities and Outcomes

| Provider / Allied Health Provider | Encounter Activities | Outcomes | Communications |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Diabetic Educator | Review referral/patient progress  assess learning needs and strategy  discuss and finalize education plan | Develop/update education plan  Update clinical notes  Generate progress notes | New/updated education plan to patient  Summary care plan and progress note shared with primary care provider and other care providers, |
| Dietitian/Nutritionist | Review referral/patient progress  Assess diet management needs and strategies  Discuss and finalize diet management plan | Develop/update diet plan  Weight assessment; Exercise plan  Diet management plan;  Referral to educator and exercise therapy if necessary  Update clinical notes  Generate progress notes | New/updated care plan to patient  Summary care plan and progress note shared with primary care provider and other care providers, e.g., diabetic educator, exercise physiologist, etc. |
| Exercise Physiologist | Review referral/patient progress  Assess exercise/activity needs and strategies  Discuss and finalize exercise plan | Develop/update exercise plan:  Weight assessment; exercise plan  Update clinical notes  Generate progress notes | New/updated exercise plan to patient  Summary care plan and progress note shared with primary care provider and other care providers, e.g., diabetic educator, dietitian, etc. |
| Community Pharmacist | Review patient medication profile  Assess medication management (education, conformance, etc.) needs and strategies  Discuss and finalize medication management plan | Develop/update medication management plan:  patient current medication list assessment result;  recommendation on meds management; referral to other provider(s) if necessary  dispense record on dispensed meds  Update clinical notes  Generate progress notes | New/updated medication management plan to patient  Summary care plan and progress note shared with primary care provider and to other care providers, e.g., diabetic educator, dietitian, etc. |
| Clinical Psychologist | Review referral/patient progress  Assess emotional status, coping mechanisms and strategies  Discuss and finalize psychological management plan | Develop/update psychological management plan:  Emotion assessment;  Psychotherapy session plan  Update clinical notes  Generate progress notes | New/updated psychological management plan to patient  Summary care plan and progress note shared with primary care provider and other care providers, e.g., diabetic educator, dietitian, etc. |
| Optometrist | Review referral/patient progress  Assess eye care needs and strategies  Discuss and finalize eye care plan | Develop/update eye care plan:  Regular eye checks for early detection of Diabetic retinopathy (1yearly to 2 yearly depending on national protocol and how advanced is DM)  Stop smoking (prevent smoking related damage to eye cells)  Wear sun glasses when in sun (prevent UV accelerating eye damage) – dispense prescription sun glasses if necessary;  Referral to Dietitian/Nutritionist for counseling on diet rich in fruits and green leafy veg and Omega 3 fats along with effective weight control  Update clinical notes  Generate progress notes | New/updated eye care plan to patient  Summary care plan and progress note shared with primary care provider and other care providers, e.g., diabetic educator, dietitian, etc. |
| Podiatrist | Review referral/patient progress  Assess foot care needs and strategies  Discuss and finalize foot care plan | Develop/update foot care plan  Foot assessment  Foot care plan  Update clinical notes  Generate progress notes | New/updated foot care plan to patient  Summary care plan and progress note shared with primary care provider and other care providers, e.g., diabetic educator, dietitian, pharmacist, etc. |

**Post Condition:** An updated allied health domain specific care plan complete with action items and target dates is completed with patient agreement.

The patient is provided a copy of the new/updated care plan at the end of each allied health/specialist consultation.

Updates to the care plan are supported by workflow, where for example at the end of each consultation a progress note is written by the allied health provider/specialist which documents the outcomes of the assessment, any new risks identified and changes to or new management strategies that have been included in the updated care plan. This allied health domain specific progress note is shared with the patient’s primary care provider, Dr. Primary. Any care coordination responsibilities required of Dr. Primary is also communicated.

The progress note may also be shared with any other allied health care provider(s) who may need to be informed about changes in risks, goals, and management plan that are relevant to the ongoing management of the patient. For example, a progress note from a dietitian/nutritionist may contain clinical information that may need to be considered by the diabetic educator.

Plan Definition Management System as Care Plan Guidance Service

Encounter(s) B

Providers EHRs (e.g., specialists and Allied Care Providers) as Care Plan Contributor

Update Plan Definition

Retrieve Plan Definition

Subscribe to Plan Definition Updates

Provide Plan Definition

Figure X.4.2.1.1.2-1: Encounter(s) B: Basic Process Flow for Plan Definition

Encounter(s) B

Providers EHRs (e.g., specialists and Allied Care Providers) as Care Plan Contributor

Care Plan Management System as Care Plan Service

Patient Portal as Care Plan Contributor

Update Care Plan

Provide Care Plan

Retrieve Care Plan

Subscribe to Care Plan Updates

Subscribe to Care Plan Updates

Retrieve Care Plan

Figure X.4.2.1.1.2-2: Encounter(s) B: Basic Process Flow for Care Plan

###### X.4.2.1.1.3 Encounter(s) C: ED Visit and Hospital Admission

**Pre-Condition:** Mr. Bob Anyman took a 3-month holiday in Australia during the southern hemisphere spring season, missed the influenza immunization window in his northern hemisphere home country, and forgot about the immunization after he returned home. He develops a severe episode of influenza with broncho-pneumonia and very high blood glucose level (spot BSL = 23 mM) as complications. He suffers from increasing shortness of breath on a Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Anyman presents himself at the emergency department of his local hospital as Dr. Primary’s clinic is closed over the weekend.

**Description of Encounter:** Mr. Anyman is admitted to the hospital and placed under the care of physicians from the general medicine clinical unit.

During the hospitalization, the patient is given a course of IV antibiotics and insulin injections to stabilize the blood glucose level. The patient was assessed by the hospital attending physician, Dr. Allen Attend, as medically fit for discharge after four days of inpatient care. Dr. Attend reconciles the medication treatment during inpatient care, creates a discharge medication list, outlines follow up information and discusses post discharge care with the patient. He recommends the patient to consider receiving influenza immunization before the next influenza session and updates this as recommendation to Dr. Primary in the patient’s discharge plan.

Planning for discharge is initiated by the physician and the nurse assigned to care for the patient soon after admission as per hospital discharge planning protocol. The discharge plan is finalized on the day of discharge and a discharge summary is generated.

**Post Condition:** The patient’s discharge care plan is completed. This plan may include information on changes to medications, management recommendations to the patient’s primary care provider and the patient, and any health care services that are requested or scheduled.

The patient is given a copy of the discharge summary that includes the discharge care plan.

A discharge summary and the discharge care plan are shared with the patient’s primary care provider, Dr. Primary with recommendation for pre-influenza season immunization.

Note: The process flow pattern for this encounter is the same as encounter(s) B. See Figure X.4.2.1.1.2-1 and X.4.2.1.1.2-2.

###### X.4.2.1.1.4 Encounter D: Primary Care Follow-up Visits

**Pre-Condition:** Patient Mr. Bob Anyman is scheduled for a post-hospital discharge consultation with his primary care provider, Dr. Primary.

Mr. Anyman is seen by Dr. Primary at her clinic on the day of appointment.

The discharge summary information from the hospital is incorporated into the patient’s medical record and is ready for Dr. Primary to review at the consultation.

**Description of Encounter:** Primary Care Physician Dr. Patricia Primary reviews patient Mr. Anyman’s hospital discharge summary and discusses the pre-influenza season immunization recommendation with the patient. The patient agrees with the recommendation. The care plan is updated.

Dr. Primary notices that the patient has gained extra weight and the blood sugar level has not quite stabilized after discharge from hospital. Dr. Primary reviews the care plan and discusses with patient the plan to change the diet and medication. Patient agrees. The care plan is updated.

Dr. Primary issues a new prescription to the patient, and asks the patient to make an early appointment to see the dietitian to discuss new nutrition management strategy and plan.

Dr. Primary generates progress notes with nutrition management and exercise change recommendations are generated by Dr. Primary and shared with the patient’s dietitian. The care plan is updated and shared with relevant allied health providers.

Dr. Primary changes patient’s follow-up visits from four monthly to two monthly for the next two appointments with the aim to review the follow-up frequency after that.

**Post Condition:** A new prescription is shared with the patient’s community pharmacy. Ms. Script will discuss the new medication management plan with the patient when he goes to pick up his medications.

The patient also makes an early appointment to see the dietitian and exercise physiologist. A copy of progress notes from Dr. Primary will be made available to the dietitian and exercise physiologist before the scheduled appointment.

Patient gets a copy of the updated care plan, and a copy of the plan is also shared with relevant allied health providers.

Note: The process flow pattern for this encounter is the same as encounter A. See Figure X.4.2.1.1.1-1 and X.4.2.1.1.1-2.

#### X.4.2.2 Use Case: Pregnancy Plan

This use case provides narrative description of clinical scenarios that can lead to the definition of a standard procedure for the treatment of pregnant women. The definition covers period from the time of diagnosis through the postpartum period.

The following section describes a normal pregnancy use case.

##### X.4.2.2.1 Normal Pregnancy Use Case Description

In this use case the patient follows a list of tasks to perform, thanks to the definition of a plan of care for a normal pregnancy. The entire process is cross-enterprise: all the actors involved, in the same or in different structures, are capable to participate and retrieve all the necessary information/documents thanks to the patient’s HIE system. The patient is capable to follow the evolution of her own process too, without missing any appointment, thanks to her mobile device that allows her to consult her care plan. All of the participants are notified by an actor that is capable to select the systems need to be involved in the process. This actor, the Care Plan Service, corresponds to the system who manages the care plans.

The following macro steps are depicted:

* Step A: Diagnosis and first General Practitioner encounters
* Step B: Medical examinations and investigations during pregnancy
* Step C: Postpartum treatment

The use case involves the following actors and roles:

* Patient: Mrs. Kate Anywoman
* General Practitioner: Dr. Max Power
* Gynecologist: Dr. John Smith
* Healthcare Professionals involved for laboratory investigations

###### X.4.2.2.1.1 Step A: Diagnosis and first General Practitioner encounter

**Pre-conditions:** Patient Mrs. Kate Anywoman in the recent weeks shows signs of nausea, breast changes, fatigue and her period is late. Due to these symptoms, she decides to perform a home pregnancy test. The result of the test is positive.

**Description of Encounter:** Patient Mrs. Kate Anywoman meets her General Practitioner, Dr. Max Power, informing him about the test result. Dr. Power produces an ePrescription with S-Beta HCG exam to confirm that the patient is pregnant. The ePrescription produced is stored on the patient’s HIE system.

Mrs. Anywoman goes to a specific Healthcare Provider to perform laboratory investigations. It is confirmed that she is pregnant.

Mrs. Anywoman follows up with Dr. Max Power to discuss her pregnancy plan. The General Practitioner visits her confirm that this is not a high-risk pregnancy case. He updates the patient’s care plan with the normal pregnancy diagnosis. Upon doing this, he is able to retrieve the specific Plan Definition containing all Activity Definition (orders, investigations, medical examinations), in terms of ~~tasks~~, request resources to be performed during the pregnancy period.

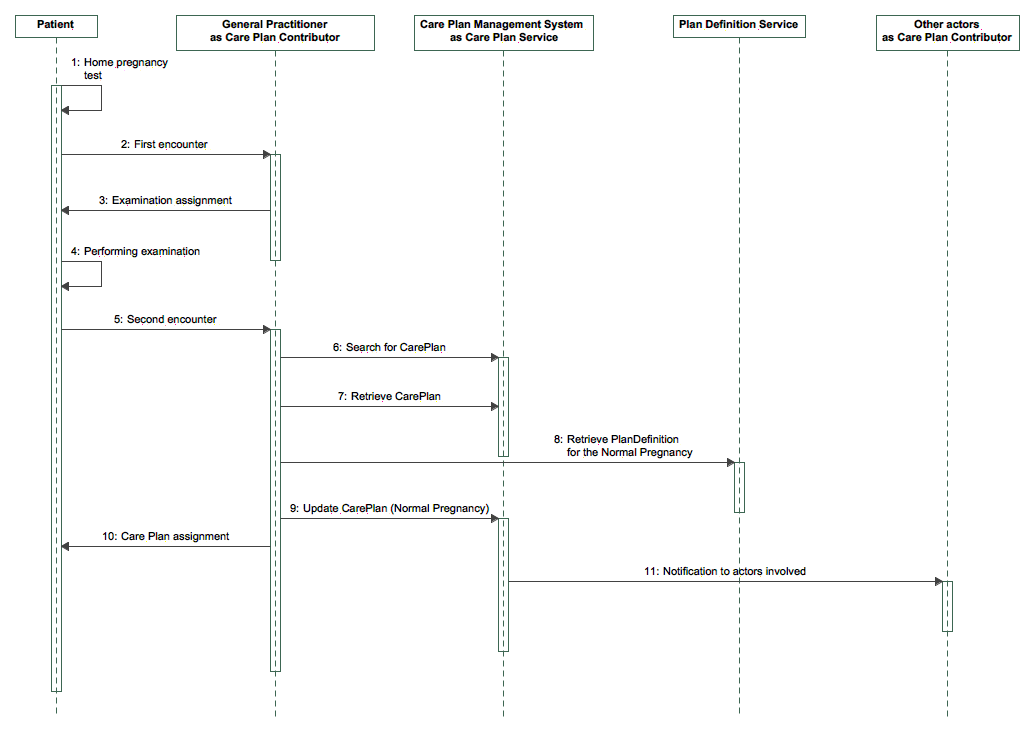
**The patient’s care plan is updated with the Activity Definitions from Plan Definition. This enable the Care Plan Service actor which is grouped with the Content Creator actor to share content with the Content Consumer actor (i.e. the different systems that they will be involved in the process).**

The care plan is now updated with different activity definitions, selected with the purpose of providing the best care to the patient. Initial steps, that are the encounter with the General Practitioner and the S-Beta HCG exam, have already been performed. The other steps concern gynaecological examinations and laboratory exams that the patient has to perform during the pregnancy, such as ultrasound exams, urine and blood (e.g. for the indirect Coombs test) exams. That investigations are necessary to exclude possible diseases that can occur during the pregnancy, such as toxoplasmosis. If one unexpected disease appears during the pregnancy, another plan definition for its treatment could be retrieved and other activities added to the current care plan, that is updated to include this new medical examinations/investigations. This could lead to the notification, by Care Plan Service, to other new systems need to be involved.

Some requests contain medical examinations that are important to define if, during the pregnancy, will be necessary to make other checks. For examples, the R.W., Toxoplasma and H.I.V. test, if negative, shall be repeated to verify that they don’t become positive. The results for Mrs. Anywoman show that she is negative only for H.I.V. and R.W., so she shall repeat this tests during the pregnancy.

In the plan definition there are also optional tasks that the patient can do if she wants to perform prenatal checking. Mrs. Kate Anywoman decides to add them to her list, so other activities are added to her current care plan.

**Post condition:** Dr. Max Power delivers to the patient the list of activities inside the care plan. All the information are shareable with the other Healthcare Professionals involved, in the same or in different structures, thanks to HIE system and the notifications sent by the Care Plan Service.

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**Figure X.4.2.2.1.1-1**

###### X.4.2.2.1.2 Step B: Medical examinations and investigations during pregnancy

**Pre-conditions:** Mrs. Kate Anywoman has a clear plan of care, that may be consulted from her mobile device, containing all the medical examinations she has to perform during the pregnancy period.

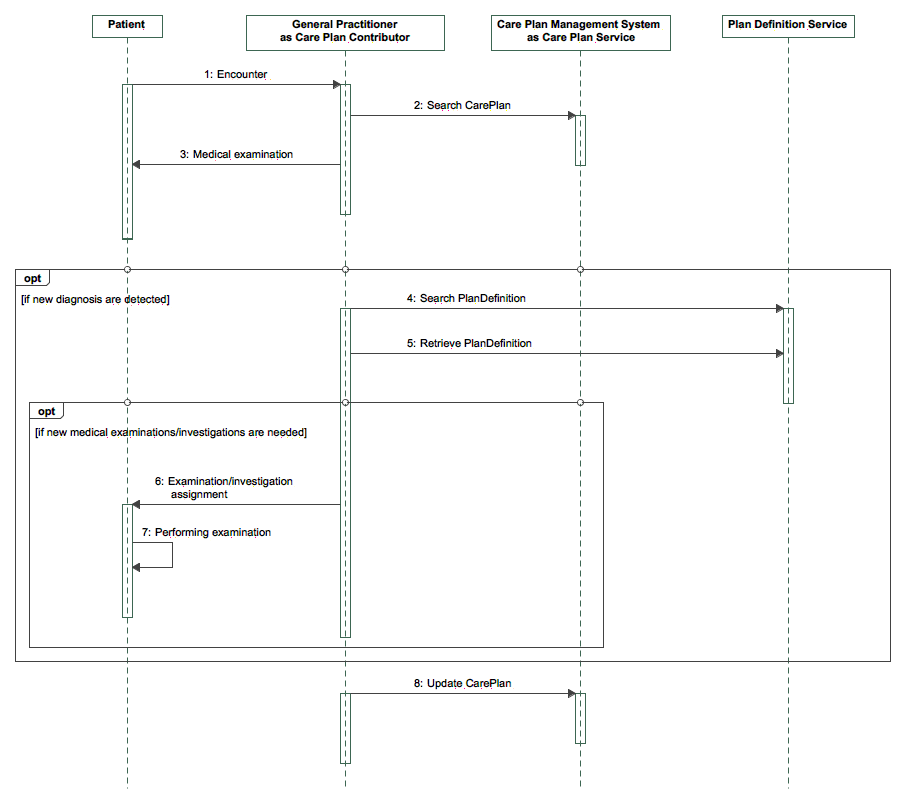
Healthcare Professionals involved in Mrs. Anywoman pregnancy are capable to retrieve, from the HIE system of patient, her care plan, after they received the notification that informs them that they are actors involved in the process. Thanks to this step, these actors know their tasks.

**Description of Encounter:** In this case of normal pregnancy, Mrs. Kate Anywoman performs programmed encounters with the General Practitioner Dr. Max Power that certifies the condition of the patient during the pregnancy. The patient encounters also the Gynaecologist Dr. John Smith to some routine visits for different ultrasounds exams and other essential controls. His involvement in the process is made easier thanks to the sharing of the care plan in the patient’s HIE system.

In the plan definition there are optional tasks containing investigations or medical examinations that the patient could choose to take or not, such as screening exams. All the tasks in a plan definition are defined for a specific actor and a slot of time. In this use case these investigations will be added to patient’s care plan because Mrs. Kate Anywoman decides to perform them.

From the plan definition, at the 31st week Mrs. Kate Anywoman has to perform the glucose tolerance test post 75g glucose to establish the presence of gestational diabetes. If the presence is confirmed, it’s necessary to add other activities on the care plan for its treatment defining tasks such as diet, insulin assumption etc. The investigations that Mrs. Anywoman performs state that she hasn’t gestational diabetes, so there are no additional tasks.

**Post condition:** Mrs. Kate Anywoman was able to receive a good treatment from the time she discovers she was pregnant until childbirth. The plan of care allowed to keep track of all the necessary medical examinations and investigations, without losing any step.

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**Figure X.4.2.2.1.2-1**

###### X.4.2.2.1.3 Step C: Postpartum treatment

**Pre-conditions**: the childbirth was successful.

**Description of Encounter**: Mrs. Kate Anywoman stays in the hospital and she is released after 48 hours.

After 2 months she has to repeat the glucose examinations to check if her values are still in the normal range. The results of the investigation show normal values.

**Post condition**: the postpartum period is over. All the other conditions that appear after the postpartum period will be added on the care plan as new activities, after the retrieval of a new plan definition.

### X.5 DCP Security Considerations

See [ITI TF-2.x Appendix Z.8](http://ihe.net/uploadedFiles/Documents/ITI/IHE_ITI_Suppl_Appx-Z.pdf) “Mobile Security Considerations”

## X.6 DCP Cross Profile Considerations

A Content Consumer in Patient Care Coordination might be grouped with a Care Plan Contributor to enable the filtering and display of Care Plan content. A Content Creator might be grouped with a Care Plan Contributor to enable the creation or update of clinical content. A Reconciliation Agent might be grouped with a Care Plan Contributor and also with a Care Plan Contributor to facilitate the reconciliation processes. As mentioned in the security considerations section, a Secure Node in the ATNA Profile might be grouped with any and all of the actors in this profile.

Appendices

None

Volume 2 – Transactions

Add Section 3.37

## 3.37 Update Care Plan [PCC-37]

### 3.37.1 Scope

This transaction is used to update or to create a care plan. A CarePlan resource is submitted to a Care Plan Service where the update or creation is handled.

### 3.37.2 Actor Roles

Care Plan Contributor

Care Plan Service

Figure 3.Y.2-1: Use Case Diagram

Table 3.Y.2-1: Actor Roles

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Actor:** | Care Plan Contributor |
| **Role:** | The Care Plan Contributor submits a care plan that is updated, or needs to be created. |
| **Actor:** | Care Plan Service |
| **Role:** | The Care Plan Service receives submitted care plans for management as per FHIR Resource Integrity management. |

### 3.37.3 Referenced Standards

HL7 FHIR standard STU 3

### 3.37.4 Interaction Diagram

Care Plan Contributor

Update Care Plan

Care Plan Service

Create Care Plan

#### 3.37.4.1 Update Care Plan

The Care Plan Contributor submits a care plan that has been edited to a Care Plan Service. The Care Plan Service handles the FHIR CarePlan Resource according to FHIR Resource integrity.

##### 3.37.4.1.1 Trigger Events

An existing care plan has been edited, and the set of activity for the care plan are to be committed to a Care Plan Service.

##### 3.37.4.1.2 Message Semantics

This is an HTTP or HTTPS PUT of a CarePlan resource, as constrained by this profile.

The base URL for this is: [base]/CarePlan/[id]

Where the body of the transaction contains the CarePlan resource.

See: http://hl7.org/fhir/http.html#update

##### 3.37.4.1.3 Expected Actions

When updating an existing care plan, the Care Plan Contributor shall merge changes into a recently received CarePlan, leaving unchanged content unaltered.

If the Care Plan Service returns an error to the Update Care Plan transaction, as would happen if the version of the CarePlan is old, then the Care Plan Contributor should perform the steps of Retrieve Care Plan, merge changes, and then attempt Update Care Plan again. For example, two providers retrieved copies of a care plan, one after another, and then attempt to update the care plan later.

Since the Care Plan Service SHALL support versioning of the CarePlan resources, the response SHALL contain meta.versionId. See http://hl7.org/fhir/http.html#create details on the response from the Care Plan Service.

#### 3.37.4.2 Create Care Plan

The Care Plan Contributor submits a newly created care plan to a Care Plan Service.

##### 3.37.4.2.1 Trigger Events

Newly created care plan content is ready to be saved to a Care Plan Service.

##### 3.37.4.2.2 Message Semantics

This is an HTTP or HTTPS POST of a CarePlan resource, as constrained by this profile.

The base URL for this is: [base]/CarePlan

Where the body of the transaction contains the CarePlan resource.

See http://hl7.org/fhir/http.html#create.

##### 3.37.4.2.3 Expected Actions

The Care Plan Service responds, with success or error, as defined by the FHIR RESTful create interaction. See http://hl7.org/fhir/http.html#create.

### 3.37.5 Security Considerations

See Section X.5 DCP Security Considerations

## 3.38 Retrieve Care Plan [PCC-38]

### 3.38.1 Scope

This transaction is used to retrieve a specific care plan using a known FHIR CarePlan resource id.

### 3.38.2 Actor Roles

Care Plan Contributor

Care Plan Service

Figure 3.38.2-1: Use Case Diagram

Table 3.38.2-1: Actor Roles

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Actor:** | Care Plan Contributor |
| **Role:** | The Care Plan Contributor requests a specific care plan using the CarePlan id |
| **Actor:** | Care Plan Service |
| **Role:** | The Care Plan Service returns the requested CarePlan resource, or an error if the requested id does not exist. |

### 3.38.3 Referenced Standards

HL7 FHIR standard release 3 (STU)

### 3.38.4 Interaction Diagram

Care Plan Contributor

Retrieve Care Plan

Care Plan Service

#### 3.38.4.1 Retrieve Care Plan

The Care Plan Contributor retrieves a specific care plan from the Care Plan Service.

##### 3.38.4.1.1 Trigger Events

Any time a specific care plan needs to be retrieved, for the purposes of viewing or in conjunction with the preparation for an update to a care plan.

##### 3.38.4.1.2 Message Semantics

The message is a FHIR HTTP or HTTPS GET of a CarePlan resources where the parameter provided is the CarePlan.id with an option to ask for a specific version of the given CarePlan

The URL for this operation is: [base]/CarePlan/[id]

or, if this is an historical, version specific retrieval: [base]/CarePlan/[id]/\_history/[vid]

##### 3.38.4.1.3 Expected Actions

The Care Plan Contributor initiates the retrieve request using HTTP or HTTPS GET, and the Care Plan Service responds according to the FHIR GET specification with the requested care plan or an error message. See http://hl7.org/fhir/http.html#read.

### 3.38.5 Security Considerations

See Section X.5 DCP Security Considerations.

## 3.39 Subscribe to Care Plan Updates [PCC-39]

### 3.39.1 Scope

This transaction is used to subscribe to updates made to a Care Plan. As noted in TF-1:X-1.1.3, the Care Plan Service SHALL support RESTful delete, as well as the following messages for creating and updating a Subscription.

### 3.39.2 Actor Roles

Care Plan Contributor

Care Plan Service

Figure 3.39.2-1: Use Case Diagram

Table 3.39.2-1: Actor Roles

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Actor:** | Care Plan Contributor |
| **Role:** | The Care Plan Contributor subscribes to updates based upon changes to a CarePlan resource. |
| **Actor:** | Care Plan Service |
| **Role:** | The Care Plan Service evaluates the involved resources of the Subscription and uses the defined channel to notify a Care Plan Contributor about changes. |

### 3.39.3 Referenced Standards

HL7 FHIR standard release 3 (STU)

### 3.39.4 Interaction Diagram

Care Plan Contributor

Subscribe to Care Plan Updates

Care Plan Service

#### 3.39.4.1 Subscribe to Care Plan Updates

A Care Plan Contributor may choose to receive updates as CarePlan resources are changed by using the Subscribe to Care Plan Updates transaction.

When the criteria of a subscription request are satisfied, the Care Plan Service sends the entire Care Plan resource, using the Provide Care Plan [PCC-40] transaction to the subscribing Care Plan Contributor.

##### 3.39.4.1.1 Trigger Events

Subscribing to Care Plan Updates is a business and workflow decision, and the use of this is optional in the DCP Profile.

The Subscription criteria, used to trigger updates, may be simple or complex.

A simple Subscription criteria includes only query parameters about a CarePlan resource, such as the id. A simple Subscription criteria results in notifications of changes to the CarePlan resource itself, but the subscription update would not be triggered by changes to a resource referenced by the care plan.

A complex Subscription criteria contains chained parameters, such as parameters about resources that are referenced within the CarePlan. For example, chaining parameters about a goal referenced from a CarePlan results in notifications of changes to either the CarePlan or to the referenced goal.

##### 3.39.4.1.2 Message Semantics

This is an HTTP or HTTPS POST of a Subscription resource, as constrained by this profile.

The base URL for this is: [base]/Subscription

Where the body of the transaction contains the Subscription resource.

See http://hl7.org/fhir/subscription.html.

##### 3.39.4.1.3 Expected Actions

The Care Plan Contributor shall check the response from the Care Plan Service. See http://hl7.org/fhir/http.html#create for details.

The Care Plan Service shall check that the Subscription resource meets the constraints defined by this profile, in PCC TF-3: 6.6.2.

When a Subscription resource is accepted, the Care Plan Service sets the status to “requested” and returns in the Location header the Subscription’s logical id for use in future operations. This logical id shall be saved by the Care Plan Contributor.

A Subscription may be rejected by the Care Plan Service for a number of reasons, such as if the Subscription is incomplete or does not meet the requirements of this profile as in PCC TF-3: 6.6.2

As per FHIR POST protocol, a rejected transaction results in the return of a 406 – rejected HTTP response.

#### 3.39.4.2 Update Subscription to Care Plan Updates

An existing subscription may be updated by a Care Plan Contributor, for example to refine the search criteria.

##### 3.39.4.2.1 Trigger Events

An existing subscription needs to be updated.

##### 3.39.4.2.2 Message Semantics

This is an HTTP or HTTPS PUT of a Subscription resource, as constrained by this profile.

The base URL for this is: [base]/Subscription/[id]

Where the body of the transaction contains the Subscription resource.

See http://hl7.org/fhir/http.html#update.

##### 3.39.4.2.3 Expected Actions

See http://hl7.org/fhir/http.html#update.

### 3.39.5 Security Considerations

See X.5 DCP Security Considerations

## 3.40 Provide Care Plan [PCC-40]

### 3.40.1 Scope

This transaction is used to provide an updated CarePlan resource to a Care Plan Contributor that has subscribed to updates.

### 3.40.2 Actor Roles

Care Plan Service

Care Plan Contributor

Figure 3.40.2-1: Use Case Diagram

Table 3.40.2-1: Actor Roles

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Actor:** | Care Plan Service |
| **Role:** | The Care Plan Service provides updated CarePlan resources to subscribed Care Plan Contributors. |
| **Actor:** | Care Plan Contributor |
| **Role:** | The Care Plan Contributor that has subscribed to care plan updates receives updates of changed CarePlan resources. |

### 3.40.3 Referenced Standards

HL7 FHIR standard release 3 (STU)

### 3.40.4 Interaction Diagram

Care Plan Service

Provide Care Plan

Care Plan Contributor

#### 3.40.4.1 Provide Care Plan

The Care Plan Service sends a CarePlan resource to the endpoint specified in the Subscription resource.

##### 3.40.4.1.1 Trigger Events

A change to a resource causes a Subscription Criteria to evaluate as true, so the Care Plan Service sends the updated CarePlan resource to the designated endpoint.

##### 3.40.4.1.2 Message Semantics

This is an HTTP or HTTPS POST of a CarePlan resource, as constrained by this profile.

The base URL for this is specified in the registered Subscription resource.

Where the body of the transaction contains the CarePlan resource.

See http://hl7.org/fhir/subscription.html.

##### 3.40.4.1.3 Expected Actions

The Care Plan Contributor receives the CarePlan resource in the body of the POST.

### 3.40.5 Security Considerations

See X.5 DCP Security Considerations

## 3.41 Search for Care Plan [PCC-41]

### 3.41.1 Scope

This transaction is used to find a care plan. The Care Plan Contributor searches for a care plan of interest. A care plan located by search may then be retrieved for viewing or updating.

### 3.41.2 Actor Roles

Care Plan Contributor

Care Plan Service

Figure 3.41.2-1: Use Case Diagram

Table 3.41.2-1: Actor Roles

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Actor:** | Care Plan Contributor |
| **Role:** | The Care Plan Contributor initiates Search for Care Plan in order to locate a care plan of interest. |
| **Actor:** | Care Plan Service |
| **Role:** | The Care Plan Service responds to the Search for Care Plan according to the search parameters and values provided in the transaction. |

### 3.41.3 Referenced Standards

HL7 FHIR standard release 3 (STU)

### 3.41.4 Interaction Diagram

Care Plan Contributor

Search for Care Plan

Care Plan Service

#### 3.41.4.1 Search for Care Plan

The Search for Care Plan is implemented through the FHIR search operation using the REST platform constrained to the HTTP or HTTPS GET.

##### 3.41.4.1.1 Trigger Events

The Search for Care Plan may be initiated for a number of different reasons:

1. need to view a care plan;
2. need to update a portion of a care plan
3. need to subscribe to updates for a care plan

##### 3.41.4.1.2 Message Semantics

This is a standard FHIR search operation on the CarePlan resource. It SHALL use the HTTP or HTTPS GET protocol

The URL for this operation is: [base]/CarePlan/\_search

See the FHIR CarePlan resource Search Parameters at http://hl7.org/fhir/careplan.html#search

##### 3.41.4.1.3 Expected Actions

The Care Plan Contributor initiates the search using HTTP or HTTPS GET, and the Care Plan Service responds according to the [FHIR Search specification](http://hl7.org/fhir/search.html) with zero or more care plans that match the search parameter values supplied with the search message. Specifically, the Care Plan Service returns a [bundle](http://hl7.org/fhir/bundle.html) as the HTTP Response, where the bundle includes the resources that are the results of the search.

### 3.41.5 Security Considerations

See X.5 DCP Security Considerations.

Appendices

None

Volume 2 Namespace Additions

Add the following terms to the IHE General Introduction Appendix G:

None

Volume 3 – Content Modules

# 5 Namespaces and Vocabularies

Add to Section 5 Namespaces and Vocabularies

NA

Add to Section 5.1.1 IHE Format Codes

NA

Add to Section 5.1.2 IHE ActCode Vocabulary

NA

Add to Section 5.1.3 IHE RoleCode Vocabulary

# 6 Content Modules

### 6.3.1 CDA®[[17]](#footnote-17) Content Modules

NA

## 6.6 HL7 FHIR Content Module

### 6.6.1 Care Plan

The following table shows the DynamicCarePlan StructureDefinition, which constrains the CarePlan resource. Constraints applied to the CarePlan base resource by this profile are shown in bold. The below table is a conceptual representation of the FHIR StuctureDefinition.

Table 6.6.1-2: CarePlan resource

| Name | Card. | Description & Constraints | (Profile) Comments |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| .. CarePlan |  | Healthcare plan for patient |  |
| ...identifier | **1**..\* | External Ids for this plan | **This version of the profile requires at least one identifier.** |
| ... identifier.value | **1..1** |  | **This version of the profile requires an ID identifying this profile as an IHE PCC Dynamic Care Plan** |
| ... definition | **0..\*** | Protocol or definition |  |
| ... basedOn | **0..\*** | Fulfills care plan (reference carePlan) | **This version of the profile requires that a related DynamicCarePlan be referenced when basedOn** |
| ... replaces | **0..\*** | CarePlan replaced by this CarePlan (reference carePlan) | **This version of the profile requires that a related DynamicCarePlan be referenced when replaced** |
| ... partOf | **0..\*** | Part of referenced CarePlan (reference carePlan) | **This version of the profile requires that a related DynamicCarePlan be referenced when partOf** |
| ... status | **1..1** | draft | active | suspended | completed | entered-in-error | cancelled | unknown |  |
| ... intent | **1..1** | proposal | plan | order | option |  |
| ... category | **1..\*** | Type of plan | **This version of the profile fixes the code system to Snomed; http://snomed.info/sct** |
| ... title | **0..1** | Human-friendly name for the CarePlan |  |
| ... description | **1..1** | Summary of nature of plan | **This version of the profile requires a description** |
| ... subject | **1..1** | **Identifies the patient.** | **For this version of the profile, the use of group is not supported.** |
| ... context | **0..1** | Created in context of | **This profile allows for CarePlan creation outside of the context of an encounter or episode.** |
| ... period | **1..1** | Time period plan covers | **This version of the profile requires at least a start time for the CarePlan.** |
| ... author | **1..\*** | Who is responsible for contents of the plan | **This version of the profile requires at least one author.** |
| ... careTeam | **0..\*** | Who's involved in plan? |  |
| ... addresses | **1..\*** | Health issues this plan addresses | **This version of the profile requires one of more addressed conditions/problems/concerns/diagnoses** |
| ... supportingInfo | **0..\*** | Information considered as part of plan (reference Any) |  |
| ... goal | **1..\*** | Desired outcome of plan | **This version of the profile requires at least one Goal.** |
| ... activity | 0..\* | Action to occur as part of plan  Provide a reference or detail, not both |  |
| .... outcomeCodeableConcept | 0..\* | Results of the activity |  |
| .... outcomeReference | 0..\* | Appointment, Encounter, Procedure, etc. (reference Any) |  |
| .... progress | 0..\* | Annotation Comments about the activity status/progress |  |
| .... reference | 0..1 | Activity details defined in specific resource |  |
| .... detail | 0..1 | In-line definition of activity |  |
| ..... category | 0..1 | diet | drug | encounter | observation | procedure | supply | other  CarePlanActivityCategory (Example) |  |
| ..... definition | 0..1 | Protocol or definition |  |
| ..... code | 0..1 | Detail type of activity  Care Plan Activity (Example) |  |
| ..... reasonCode | 0..\* | Why activity should be done or why activity was prohibited  Activity Reason (Example) |  |
| ..... reasonReference | 0..\* | Condition triggering need for activity |  |
| ..... goal | 0..\* | Goals this activity relates to |  |
| ..... status | **1..1** | not-started | scheduled | in-progress | on-hold | completed | cancelled | unknown  CarePlanActivityStatus (Required) |  |
| ..... statusReason | 0..1 | Reason for current status  GoalStatusReason (Example) |  |
| ..... prohibited | 0..1 | Do NOT do |  |
| ..... scheduled | 0..1 | When activity is to occur |  |
| ...... scheduledTiming |  |  |  |
| ...... scheduledPeriod |  |  |  |
| ...... scheduledString |  |  |  |
| ..... location | 0..1 | Where it should happen |  |
| ..... performer | 0..\* | Who will be responsible? |  |
| ..... product | 0..1 | What is to be administered/supplied  SNOMED CT Medication Codes (Example) |  |
| ...... productCodeableConcept |  |  |  |
| ...... productReference |  |  |  |
| ..... dailyAmount | 0..1 | How to consume/day? |  |
| ..... quantity | 0..1 | How much to administer/supply/consume |  |
| ..... description | 0..1 | Extra info describing activity to perform |  |
| ... note | 0..\* | Annotation Comments about the plan |  |

A FHIR StructureDefinition can be found in implementation materials – see ITI TF-2x: Appendix W for instructions on how to get to the implementation materials.

### 6.6.2 Subscription

The following table documents the CarePlanSubscription, which constrains the Subscription resource. Changes to the base Subscription resource are shown in bold. The below table is a conceptual representation of the FHIR StuctureDefinition.

Table 6.6.2-1: Subscription resource

| Name | Card. | Description | Comments |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **.. Subscription** |  | **A server push subscription criteria** |  |
| **...status** | **1..1** | **requested | active** **| off** **| off** |  |
| **...contact** | **0..\*** | **Contact details for source (e.g., troubleshooting)** |  |
| **…end** | **0..1** | **When to automatically delete the subscription** |  |
| **...reason** | **1..1** | **Description of why this subscription was created** |  |
| **…criteria** | **1..1** | **Rule for server push criteria** |  |
| **...error** | **0..1** | **Latest error note** |  |
| **...channel** | **1..1** | **The channel on which to report matches to the criteria** |  |
| **....type** | **1..1** | **rest-hook** | This version of the profile constrains the channel type to rest-hook. |
| **....endpoint** | **1..1** | **Where the channel points to** | **This version of the profile constrains the channel type to rest-hook, the endpoint must be a valid URL for the Provide Care Plan [PCC-40] transaction.** |
| **....payload** | **1..1** | **Mimetype to send** | **This version of the profile constrains the channel payload to a non-blank value - the CarePlan resource must be the payload.** |
| **....header** | **0..\*** | **Usage depends on the channel type** |  |
| **...tag** | **0..\*** | **A tag to add to matching resources** |  |

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Appendices

None

Volume 3 Namespace Additions

Add the following terms to the IHE Namespace:

None

Volume 4 – National Extensions

Add appropriate Country section

None

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