



**BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE  
REAFFIRMATION OF HL7 VERSION 3  
IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE: DATA  
SEGMENTATION FOR PRIVACY (DS4P),  
RELEASE 1 FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2024  
BALLOT CYCLE**

**August 16, 2024**

Dear Voter,

Health Level Seven (HL7) invites you to take part in a Normative ballot to reaffirm the following HL7 American National Standard (ANS):

**Reaffirmation of HL7 Version 3 Implementation Guide: Data Segmentation for Privacy (DS4P), Release 1 (REAFF\_V3\_IG\_DS4P\_R1\_N1\_2024SEP )**

Per ANSI rules, any ANS subject to periodic maintenance shall be revised, reaffirmed or withdrawn five years (5) after its designation as an ANS. HL7 is conducting this ballot in accordance with the HL7 Essential Requirements (HL7 ER) section 03.04.01 (Reaffirmation of an HL7 American National Standard), to allow those parties with an interest in the ANS to record their position on the decision to reaffirm, revise or withdraw this ANS. This ballot is being conducted in accordance with the rules in HL7 ER section 02 for a Normative Ballot.

For the purposes of this ballot the question being asked is as follows:

Should the standard be reaffirmed as an American National Standard, withdrawn as an ANS, or subject to revision and brought to ballot as a new version?

Accordingly, voters should lodge their votes as follows:

- **Affirmative** – Indicates support of reaffirmation of the ANS
- **Negative** – Indicates support of either withdrawing or revising the ANS. If you support withdrawal, indicate your reasons in the comments accompanying your negative vote.

For details on obtaining a copy of the ANS under review, please refer to the Balloting Procedures section further down in this announcement.

**Review Group Pool Signup**

Pool sign up is closed.

**Review Group Ballot Open/Close Dates**

The ballot pool in this document will open and close for voting on the following dates:

***Review Group Ballot Open Date: Friday, August 16, 2024***

***Review Group Ballot Close Date: Monday, September 16, 2024***

**Ballot Document**

Security Work Group announces the ballot opening for the following item:

***Reaffirmation of HL7 Version 3 Implementation Guide: Data Segmentation for Privacy (DS4P), Release 1*** [Project ID 1870, 1<sup>st</sup> Normative Ballot]

U.S. realm DS4P normative specification is an exemplar for an IG that could be used by other realms. Includes a CDA R2 content profile specifying constraints consistent with the DS4P requirements for a policy specific use case as a model of how to assign security labels as specified by the HL7 Healthcare Privacy and Security Classification System (HCS); and two US-specific transport profiles of for NwHIN Direct and Exchange constrained based on the DS4P requirements.

Unique Ballot ID: REAFF\_V3\_IG\_DS4P\_R1\_N1\_2024SEP

**General Guidelines**

The standard under consideration is available to HL7 members and non-members as a free download from the HL7 web site linked to

[https://www.hl7.org/implement/standards/product\\_brief.cfm?product\\_id=354](https://www.hl7.org/implement/standards/product_brief.cfm?product_id=354).

From this page select the download link under "Related Documents".

HL7 will conduct these ballots according to its procedure for electronic balloting.

**Unique Ballot IDs:** Each ballot document has a unique Ballot ID that can be found following its descriptive text. In addition, updated ballot comment spreadsheets will be available on the balloting website at the time the ballots open.

**For more information on Balloting Procedures and Guidelines, see <https://confluence.hl7.org/x/-wohAg>.**

**For Other Balloting Help, see <https://confluence.hl7.org/x/XQghAg>**

**OTHER ISSUES** - Should you have any other issues logging in to the Ballot Desktop, signing up for ballot pools or voting, please contact Lynn Laakso (lynn@HL7.org), Technical Publications Manager, or Webmaster@HL7.org.