



**BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE  
RETIRE HL7 VERSION 3 STANDARD:  
ORDERS; DIET AND NUTRITION, RELEASE 1-  
US REALM  
FOR THE JANUARY 2026 BALLOT CYCLE**

**December 19, 2025**

Dear Voter,

Health Level Seven (HL7) invites you to take part in a Comment-only level ballot to retire / withdraw the following HL7 Standard:

**Retire HL7 Version 3 Standard: Orders; Diet and Nutrition, Release 1- US Realm  
(RETIRE\_V3\_ORD\_DIETNUT\_R1\_O1\_2026JAN)**

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

Should the standard be Retired as an HL7 standard and withdrawn from ANS status?

Accordingly, voters should lodge their votes as follows:

- **Affirmative** – Indicates support of withdrawal of the specification
- **Negative** – Indicates support of either reaffirming or revising the specification. If you support either of these actions, indicate your reasons in the comments accompanying your negative vote.

For details on obtaining a copy of the specification 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, December 19, 2025***

***Review Group Ballot Close Date: Monday, January 19, 2026***

**Ballot Document**

**Orders and Observations Work Group** announces the ballot opening for the following item:

***Retire HL7 Version 3 Standard: Orders; Diet and Nutrition, Release 1- US Realm*** [PI ID 1734, 1<sup>st</sup> Comment-Only Ballot]

The HL7 v3 Nutrition Orders Standard – Universal Realm is a messaging specification intended to standardize the electronic transmission and exchange of nutrition orders including oral diets, enteral nutrition (tube feeding and infant formula requirements) and nutritional supplements in health care facilities across the continuum of care.

Due to lack of uptake and the difficulty of supporting HL v3 standards, the committee is recommending withdrawal.

Unique Ballot ID: RETIRE\_V3\_ORD\_DIETNUT\_R1\_O1\_2026JAN

### **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=317](https://www.hl7.org/implement/standards/product_brief.cfm?product_id=317).

From this page select the appropriate 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, Director of Technical Publications (DTP@HL7.org), or Webmaster@HL7.org.