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| Community Health Minimum Data SetCHMDS Bulletin 2024-25 |
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# 2024-25 Quarter 1 Reporting

CHMDS 2024-25 Quarter 1 Reporting is now open.

We encourage providers to start validating Q1 files early to check that any system changes relating to the implementation of 2024-25 Annual Changes (outlined below) are working as expected, and to have more time to address any critical errors or warnings.

# Changes to the CHMDS for 2024-25

A reminder that some requirements have changed for 2024-25 and these changes have now been implemented in the CHMDS.

* **Service Priority Type** (low, routine or urgent) is no longer required to be reported
* Rules for **group sessions** have changed - you can now report a group with only 1 participant, previously there had to be at least 2. This is in recognition that sometimes providers may arrange a group session with multiple clients but only 1 client attends on the day
* Values for reporting **Gender Identity** have changed in line with other departmental data collections - 'other' will no longer be accepted, instead you can report 'non-binary', 'different term' or 'prefer not to answer'.

Service providers were advised of these changes in December 2023. Please contact us at CHMDS-data@health.vic.gov.au with any queries.

# Extended submission periods

We are pleased to advise that extended submission periods for CHMDS will now be implemented on an ongoing basis.

We have been trialling this approach over the last year and have received very positive feedback from service providers. We’ve also seen an improvement in data quality.

Our aim is to keep the CHMDS / RRHACS Repository open for submissions as much as possible to allow flexibility for providers to check for errors earlier and resubmit any time. We do need to close for a few days at the end of each quarter for report processing and for a few weeks at the end of each year to implement approved annual changes.

**Reporting due dates and the requirement for providers to report quarterly to the CHMDS have not changed.**

### CHMDS reporting due dates

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| Quarter | Data collection period | Data due date |
| 1 | July – September | 15th October |
| 2 | October – December | 15th January |
| 3 | January – March | 15th April |
| 4 | April - June | 15th July |

### Resubmission dates

Data can be resubmitted any time the Repository is open. The final date for any resubmissions is **15 August.**

### CHMDS RRHACS Repository opening times, 2024-25

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| Dates | Accepted quarters |
| August 26 2024 – October 15, 2024 | Q1 |
| October 21, 2024 – January 15, 2025 | Q1, Q2 |
| January 20, 2025 – April 15, 2025 | Q1, Q2, Q3 |
| April 21, 2025 – July 15, 2025  | Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4 |
| July 21, 2025 – August 15, 2025 | Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4 |

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