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| **Change Notification:**  cn\_2020\_NCAMP\_NMDS\_Increase length of Diagnosis/procedure description field\_v2.0  **Date of Issue:**  11 December 2019 | **http://www.peoplenet.co.nz/Images/Logos/MinistryOfHealth.jpg** |

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| **Proposed Implementation Date:**  01 July 2020 | **Subject:** Increase length of NMDS Diagnosis/procedure description field |
| **CHANGE NOTIFICATION** | |
| Summary:  This change notification advises the sector of the increase in length of Diagnosis/procedure description field in the National Minimum Data Set. | |
| **National Collections Impacted by Change:** | National Minimum Data Set (NMDS) |
| Context of the Change:  A request has been received to increase the diagnosis/procedure description field from 100 to 200 characters because there are some ICD-10-AM 11th edition code descriptions that are longer than 100 characters. Increasing the field to 200 characters will accommodate longer code descriptors and facilitate the ability to be more descriptive when reporting clinical information. | |
| **Details of Proposed Change:**   * Increase length of Diagnosis/procedure description field to varchar 200 in the NMDS load file format * Increase length of Diagnosis/procedure description field in the NMDS transactional tables * Change the warehouse load scripts to accommodate the change in size of this field. * Increase length of Diagnosis/procedure description field in the NMDS tables and automated reports from the warehouse | |
| **What is Expected of the Sector:**  Increase length of Diagnosis/procedure description field to varchar 200 in the NMDS load file format. Make whatever changes are needed for this to be populated with up to 200 characters. | |
| **Impact of Change on National Collection(s):**  The NMDS will be able to accept description of up to 200 charactors | |
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