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| **Change Notification:**  advisory\_2022\_NHI Gender Code Mandatory\_v1.0  **Date of Issue:**  6 December 2021 | **http://www.peoplenet.co.nz/Images/Logos/MinistryOfHealth.jpg** |

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| **Proposed Implementation Date:**  01 July 2022 | **Subject:** Making National Health Index (NHI) Gender Code Mandatory |
| **CHANGE NOTIFICATION** | |
| Summary:  The HISO 10046 Consumer Health Identity Standard and Statistics New Zealand Level 1 Gender Classification include a category for ’Another Gender’. The NCAMP 1 July 2021 changes included the extension of the options allowed for Gender on the NHI.  The introduction of the Another Gender category will create a better alignment between the NHI functional implementation and existing standards and meet public expectations with regard to being able to properly identify their gender when interacting with the health system. | |
| **National Collections Impacted by Change:** | NHI, All Collections |
| Context of the Change:  The NHI records Gender Identity, but some systems capture the attribute using a field labelled ‘Sex’. The concept of Sex and Gender Identity are different.  The National Collections will continue to collect sex for all events excluding PRIMHD which will accept the NHI gender code set. This may require collecting both attributes at the local system level. | |
| **Details of Proposed Change:**  ‘O’ Another Gender will be added to the list of available gender categories to be recorded in the NHI and accepted in PRIMHD effective 1 July 2022.  The additional category for Another gender is applicable to the NHI only and is not to be submitted to National Collections (excluding PRIMHD and NPF which will accept the NHI gender code set).  DHB's need to ensure they continue to supply sex (‘M’, ‘F’, ‘I’, ‘U’) to the remaining national collections. | |
| **What is Expected of the Sector:**  From 1 July 2022, it will be mandatory for all DHBs to implement gender on the NHI and report sex to the National Collections (excluding PRIMHD and NPF). | |
| **Impact of Change on National Collection(s):**  All national collections will be analysed to determine the impact of the changes. | |
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