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Foreword

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The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

— update of the description of IIN for consistency with the latest edition of ISO/IEC 7812-1 and ISO/IEC 7812-2.

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Introduction

This document describes a numbering system and registration procedure for issuing identifiers of machine-readable cards used in the field of healthcare.

The purpose of using machine-readable cards in the field of healthcare is to improve the quality of the health service and increase the efficient use of healthcare resources in the field. The primary consideration in creating this document has been to improve patient service and patient safety, as well as improve the practical use of healthcare data cards in clinical fields.

a) The following are outside the scope of this document:

   — standardizing the clinical practice of medicine,

   — defining a standardized healthcare delivery service structure,

   — the characteristics and operation of other cards, which are not covered by this document.

In past years, healthcare data cards have been used to exchange healthcare data by placing necessary and appropriate information on the surface of the cards in order to implement the health service of each country. However, as people now move more frequently across borders, healthcare data cards issued in one country or area are increasingly being used in another and, with this consideration in mind, this document has been designed to apply to healthcare data cards that will be used internationally.

b) This document is applicable to healthcare data cards used for healthcare services provided by the card issuer.

c) The numbering system and registration procedure is technology independent and designed to fit relevant technologies and recording techniques for healthcare data cards.

The data elements and data structures in healthcare data cards are standardized in ISO 21549 (all parts).

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Health informatics — Health cards — Numbering system and registration procedure for issuer identifiers

1 Scope

This document specifies a numbering system and registration procedure for identifying both healthcare application providers and health card holders in order to exchange information through the use of cards issued for healthcare services.

This document focuses on the machine-readable cards of ID-1 type defined in ISO/IEC 7810 that are issued for healthcare services provided in a service area that crosses the national borders of two or more countries/areas.

This document applies to healthcare data cards where the issuer and the application provider are the same party.

This document applies directly, or refers, to existing International Standards for physical characteristics and recording techniques. Security issues follow the requirements of each healthcare data card system.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 3166-1, *Codes for the representation of names of countries and their subdivisions — Part 1: Country code*

ISO/IEC 7812-1, *Identification cards — Identification of issuers — Part 1: Numbering system*

ISO/IEC 7816-4, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 4: Organization, security and commands for interchange*

ISO/IEC 7816-5, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 5: Registration of application providers*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at https://www.electropedia.org/

3.1
card issuer
entity that records the information to activate the card and registers and distributes it to the healthcard holder

EXAMPLE A hospital can be a card issuer of cards for handling appointments for medical treatment or for accessing medical records. A health funding agency can be a card issuer of cards for health funding.

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3.2
healthcare application provider
entity that provides healthcare services to the healthcard holder and, in doing so, makes use of the card and records the healthcare application information on to the card

EXAMPLE A hospital can be a healthcare application provider by handling appointments for medical treatment or by providing access control to medical records. A health funding agency can be a healthcare application provider by issuing cards for health funding. A health funding agency can also be a healthcare application provider by certifying the health funding status of the healthcard holder.

Note 1 to entry: If the card contains an application for medical appointments, while a hospital can be an application provider as it provides appointment services to the patients, it can also be a user of the card if the card contains an application for health funding services, as the hospital may get reimbursed from the health funding agency.

3.3
healthcare data card
machine-readable card, conformant to ISO/IEC 7810, intended for use within the healthcare domain

[SOURCE: ISO 21549-2:2014]

4 Abbreviations

IIN Issuer Identification Number

AID Application identifier

RID Registered application provider identifier

BCD Binary Coded Decimal

OID Object identifier

5 Identifiers of the healthcare application providers

5.1 General

The identifier of the healthcare application provider may be determined from one of the following numbering systems:

a) IIN numbering system as defined in ISO/IEC 7812-1, if the card issuer is the healthcare application provider;

b) RID numbering system as defined ISO/IEC 7816-4 as part of an application identifier AID, if the healthcare data card is an IC card;

c) identification information such as number, sign, character strings, etc. according to the standard defined by card issuers, healthcare application providers, etc. and understood in the service area across national borders.

5.2 Structure of IIN

IIN is the number that identifies the major industry and the card issuer. IIN shall conform to the definition in ISO/IEC 7812-1. The first two digits in IIN shall be “80” in the healthcare sector, followed by the three-digit country code in accordance with ISO 3166-1. The following variable length digits up to 13 identify the card issuer. The coded number ends with the check digit. Figure 1 shows the composition of the IIN on healthcare data cards.

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