

**Service Level Agreement
Basic Service: Link
Version 1.4**

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Service Level Agreement

Link

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User Community

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2. Document management

2.1. Document history

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1.0	01/04/2020	eHealth Service Management	First draft
1.1	08/06/2021	eHealth Service Management	Update KPI
1.2	06/04/2022	eHealth Service Management	Update KPI and Maintenance Window
1.3	07/03/2025	eHealth Service Management	Update KPI
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2.2. Document references

ID	Title	Version	Date	Author
	Master Service Agreement	2022.1	12/04/2022	
	Master Service Agreement	7.0	12/09/2025	

2.3. Purpose of the document

The objective of this document is to define the Service Level Agreement for the set of services included in the *WS Link Service* proposed by the eHealth-platform. It defines the minimum level of service offered on the eHealth-platform, and provides eHealth's own understanding of service level offering, its measurement methods and its objectives in the long run.

The purpose of the portal eHealth is to offer a central entry point for dedicated information and access to healthcare related applications.

2.4. Features

The Link Service of eHealth allows the handling of the Care Links between a patient and professionals to authorise them to consult the patient's medical data. A care link is a relationship between a patient and a professional that is not included in the AR 78 list of Health Care providers. These relationships are stored at eHealth platform.

If a patient consent is active, healthcare professionals can access the medical documents of a patient only when a care link that justifies this consultation exists.

Only authorized Health Care organizations (COT and no-COT organizations, BelRAI VL) may access to the Link WS. They need to have a valid access token from the eHealth IAM Connect to get access to this Rest webservice.

The following operations will support the management of these links :

POST /careLinks	Used to declare or extend the care links. Its main purpose is to allow one to declare a care link.
DELETE /careLinks	Used to revoke the care links. Its main purpose is to allow one to "end" the (declaration of a) care link.

GET /careLinks	Used to consult active care links according to basic search parameters. Its main purpose is to allow one to retrieve a list of the existing care links when executing a consultation process.
GET /careLinks/existences	Used to consult care links according to basic search parameters. Its main purpose is to allow one to check the existence of an active care link when executing a consultation process. This method's main difference with the GET method is that it is more lightweight and faster to respond.
GET /careLinks/histories	Used to consult inactive care links according to basic search parameters. Its main purpose is to allow one to retrieve a list of the existing care links when executing a consultation process.

Note: the validity of the SSIN and support card numbers is checked through the ID Support Webservice which relays the request to a CBSS webservice at the declaration of the Care relations.

2.5. Validity of the agreement

This document is valid as long as the *WS Link Service* is part of the eHealth-platform offering services.

Once a year, the levels of service proposed will be reviewed and confirmed for the next year.

2.6. Service and maintenance window

2.6.1. Service window

The time frame during which the eHealth services are offered to the client applications, is defined in terms of days and hours. Standard working days are all days of the year, except during the biannual maintenance periods.

The following table summarises the eHealth service window.

Service Window								
		Day of the week (closing days of Service Provider = Sunday)						
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	00:00 – 24:00							

Legend	
	Timeslots where the service must be available according to the SLA and where corrective actions will be taken to resolve detected Incidents.

2.6.2. Support Window

Support Window								
		Day of the week (Closing days of Service Provider = Sunday)						
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Day period	00:00 – 8:00							
	08:00 – 16:30							
	16:30 – 18:00							
	18:00 – 24:00							

Legend	
	Timeslots for which the eHealth Call Center is available for the End-Users with a second line support for Infrastructure (HW, OS, Middleware and DB)
	Timeslots for which the eHealth Call Center is available for the End-Users with a second line support, including Application Support
	Timeslots for which the eHealth Call Center is unavailable for the End-Users. The End-User will have the possibility to record a voice message that will be treated on the next Workday.

2.6.3. Maintenance Windows & Planned Interventions

The eHealth platform will strive for limiting as much as possible the impact and duration of the planned interventions. Today, eHealth is committed to make efforts so planned unavailability's do not exceed one to a few hours per year. In case of maintenance requiring support from users, or impacting them, eHealth will notify them at least one week ahead.

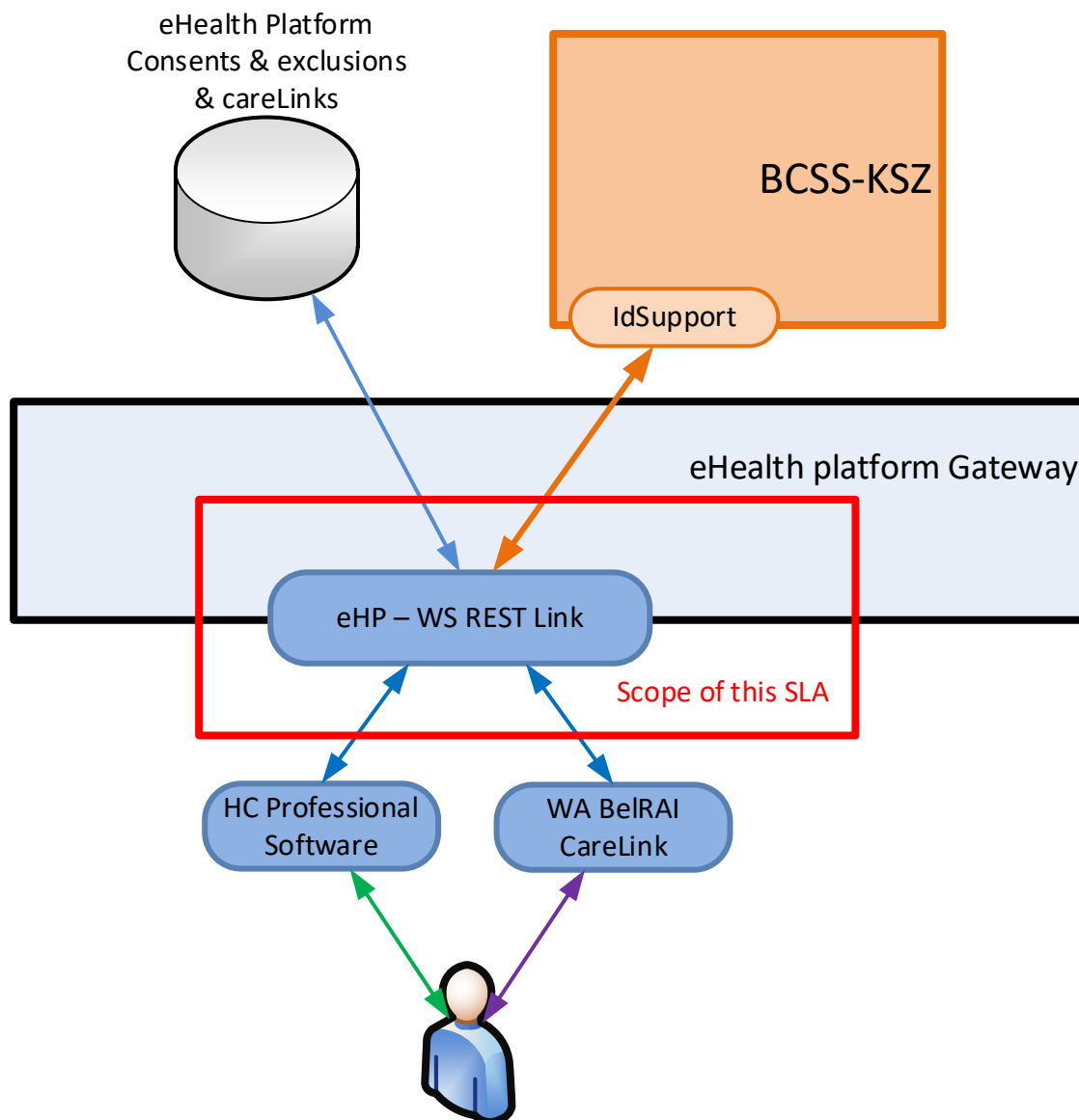
2.6.4. Unplanned Interventions

Under exceptional circumstances, unplanned interventions may be needed in order to restore the service.

3. Service scope

3.1. eHealth service

3.1.1. General



- HC Parties

- Authorized users belonging to a COT organization
- Authorized users belonging to a non-COT organization

The main component included in this SLA is :

- eHealth Link WebService for Care Links management (POST, GET, DELETE).

3.1.2. Abbreviations

SSIN	Social Security Inscription Number
COT	Circle of Trust
REST	Representational State Transfer

3.2. Business criticality

The business criticality of the service is **Platinum** as it supports mandatory business processes that should be processed synchronously and within some legal periods.

3.3. Interdependencies

The *WS Link Service* Basic Service depends on the MSA and on the collaboration with the partner.

4. List of service levels

Service	KPI	Condition	Measure based on	Service Window	Objective Target	Objective Committed
Link	Availability Link ws	Test script passes	Fictitious request	Mo – Su 0:00 – 24:00	99.9%	99.5%
	Performance Link ws – POST	Response time < 1 sec	Real transactions	Mo – Su 0:00 – 24:00	98%.	N-A
	Performance Link ws – DELETE	Response time < 1 sec	Real transactions	Mo – Su 0:00 – 24:00	98%	98%.
	Performance Link ws – GET	Response time < 1 sec	Real transactions	Mo – Su 0:00 – 24:00	98%	98%.

Table 1: List of key performance indicators (KPI) per service

5. Detailed service level per service

5.1. Availability

Objectives				
Definition	- The eHealth WebService is considered to be available when it is reachable via the Gateway, when the DBs are up and running and when the WSK and the DB are up and running (get request and evaluation of the response -keep Alive Test) - Planned interventions executed within the Maintenance Window are not recorded as unavailable time.			
Measuring method	- The availability of the different functionalities is measured by executing the test scripts every 5 minutes. When the script is executed with as result a Status "OK", the test "passed". - When the script is executed with an other result, the test "failed" - Measuring is always done on test scenarios			
Calculation	$Availability = \frac{\sum Passed\ Tests \times 100}{\sum Total\ Tests} \%$ - Total Tests = Total number of tests launched within corrected timeframe - Passed Tests = Total number of tests that resulted in a status "OK" within the same timeframe - Corrections are applicable on tests that are not taken into account because they were caused: - by a Validated Authentic Source or partner application out of scope of this SLA - by a failing monitoring tool			
Reporting and evaluation period	- The availability is calculated and reported monthly. Corrective interventions are initiated when appropriate. - The formal evaluation however is done on a yearly basis.			
Service Level Objectives	Functionality	Service Window	Service Level Objective	
			Target	Committed
	Ws Link	Mo – Su 0:00 – 24:00	99.9%	99,5%

5.2. Performance

Definition	- The performance of webservice refers to its response time. Response time meaning the time needed to execute a request. This request can be: - Attention: The response time does not include: - The time needed to deliver the information over the Internet - The time needed to process the information at the End Users premises.			
Measuring method	- This response time is measured on the Reverse Proxies. Both start time (request received) and stop time (answer sent to the End User) are measured and stored in a database. - Measuring is done on real transactions, and only on those having a "stop time" within the measuring period.			
Calculation	- All response times are calculated: Stop time – Start time for every request. - The percentage that meets the target is calculated based on following formula: $Performance = \frac{\sum Tests\ meeting\ the\ target \times 100}{\sum Total\ Tests} \%$			
Reporting and evaluation period	- The performance is calculated and reported monthly. Corrective interventions are initiated when appropriate. - The formal evaluation however is done on a yearly basis.			
Service Level Objectives	Functionality	Target	Service Level Objective	
			Target	Committed
	Link ws – POST	< 1 sec	98%	N-A (*)
	Link ws – GET	< 1 sec	98%	98,0%
	Link ws –DELETE	< 1 sec	98%	98,0%

(*) Due to IDSupport