

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 14-People deferring access to selected healthcare due to financial barriers, 2013

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Progress measure
Short name:	PI 14-People deferring access to selected healthcare due to financial barriers, 2013
METEOR identifier:	497252
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 30/04/2014
Description:	Proportion of people who required treatment but deferred that treatment due to cost, by type of health service.
Indicator set:	National Healthcare Agreement (2013) Health , Superseded 30/04/2014
Outcome area:	Primary and Community Health Health , Standard 07/07/2010
Data quality statement:	National Healthcare Agreement: PI 14-People deferring access to selected healthcare due to financial barriers, 2013 QS Health , Superseded 14/01/2015

Collection and usage attributes

Population group age from:	15 years
Computation description:	<p>Population is limited to persons aged 15 years and over.</p> <p>Rates directly age-standardised to the 2001 Australian population.</p> <p>Analysis by remoteness and Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage (IRSD) is based on usual residence of person.</p> <p>Presented as a percentage.</p> <p>95% confidence intervals and relative standard errors calculated for rates.</p>
Computation:	100 × (numerator ÷ denominator) calculated separately for each type of healthcare (GP, medical specialist, dental care, prescribed medication, pathology or imaging tests).
Numerator:	<p>(a) Number of persons who reported delaying or not seeing a GP in the last 12 months because of cost.</p> <p>(b) Number of persons who reported delaying or not seeing a medical specialist in the last 12 months because of cost.</p> <p>(c) Number of persons who reported delaying or not seeing a dental practitioner in the last 12 months because of cost.</p> <p>(d) Number of persons who reported delaying or not getting a prescription filled for medication in the last 12 months because of cost.</p> <p>(e) Number of persons who reported delaying or not getting pathology or imaging tests in the last 12 months because of cost.</p>
Numerator data elements:	

Data Element / Data Set**Data Element**

Number of persons who reported delaying or not getting a prescription filled for medication in the last 12 months

Data Source

[ABS Patient Experience Survey \(PEX\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Data Element / Data Set**Data Element**

Number of persons who reported delaying or not getting pathology or imaging tests in the last 12 months because of cost.

Data Source

[ABS Patient Experience Survey \(PEX\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Data Element / Data Set**Data Element**

Number of persons who reported delaying or not seeing a dental practitioner in the last 12 months because of cost.

Data Source

[ABS Patient Experience Survey \(PEX\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Data Element / Data Set**Data Element**

Number of persons who reported delaying or not seeing a GP in the last 12 months

Data Source

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Data source type: Survey

Data Element / Data Set**Data Element**

Number of persons who reported delaying or not seeing a medical specialist in the last 12 months

Data Source

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Data Element / Data Set

Data Element

Reason for delaying or not seeking treatment

Data Source

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Data source type: Survey

Denominator:

(a) Total number of persons who saw a GP or needed to see a GP but didn't in the last 12 months.

(b) Total number of persons who received a written referral to a specialist by a GP in the last 12 months.

(c) Total number of persons who saw a dental practitioner or who needed to see a dental practitioner but didn't in the last 12 months.

(d) Total number of persons who received a prescription for medication from a GP in the last 12 months.

(e) Total number of persons who had a pathology or imaging test or who needed a pathology or imaging test but didn't get one in the last 12 months

Denominator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Data Element

Person—age

Data Source

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Data source type: Survey and census-based

Data Element / Data Set

Data Element

Total number of persons who had a pathology or imaging test or who needed a pathology or imaging test but didn't get one in the last 12 months

Data Source

[ABS Patient Experience Survey \(PEX\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey or census-based

Data Element / Data Set

Data Element

Total number of persons who received a prescription for medication from a GP in the last 12 months

Data Source

[ABS Patient Experience Survey \(PEX\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey and census-based

Data Element / Data Set

Data Element

Total number of persons who received a written referral to a specialist by a GP in the last 12 months.

Data Source

[ABS Patient Experience Survey \(PEX\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey and census-based

Data Element / Data Set

Data Element

Total number of persons who saw a dental practitioner or who needed to see a dental practitioner but didn't in the last 12 months.

Data Source

[ABS Patient Experience Survey \(PEX\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey and census-based

Disaggregation:

2011-12—State and Territory, by type of healthcare (GP, medical specialist, dental care, prescribed medication, pathology or imaging tests), by:

- remoteness (Australian Standard Geographical Classification Remoteness Structure)

2011-12—Nationally by type of healthcare (GP, medical specialist, dental care, prescribed medication, pathology or imaging tests), by:

- SEIFA Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage (IRSD) deciles

Some disaggregation may result in numbers too small for publication.

Disaggregation data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Data Element

Type of treatment

Data Source

[ABS Patient Experience Survey \(PEX\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—area of usual residence, geographical location code \(ASGC 2010\) NNNNN](#)

Data Source

[ABS Patient Experience Survey \(PEX\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Used for disaggregation by state/territory, remoteness and SEIFA IRSD

Comments:

Most recent data available for 2013 Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Reform Council (CRC) report: 2011-12.

Dental practitioner includes dentist, dental hygienist or dental specialist.

Pathology and imaging tests exclude those had while in hospital. Imaging tests also exclude those for dental work.

Some survey respondents may report pathology and imaging as a referral to a medical specialist.

Representational attributes

Representation class: Percentage

Data type: Real

Unit of measure: Person

Format: N[NN.NN]

Indicator conceptual framework

Framework and dimensions: [Accessibility](#)

Data source attributes

Data sources:

Data Source

[ABS Patient Experience Survey \(PEX\)](#)

Frequency

Annual

Data custodian

Australian Bureau of Statistics

Accountability attributes

Reporting requirements: National Healthcare Agreement

Organisation responsible for providing data: Australian Bureau of Statistics

Further data development / collection required: Specification: Final, the measure meets the intention of the indicator.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 16-People deferring access to selected healthcare due to cost, 2012](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 25/06/2013

Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 14-People deferring access to selected healthcare due to financial barriers, 2014](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 14/01/2015

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 32-Patient satisfaction/experience, 2013](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 30/04/2014