

# Service event—type of Medicare billing, code A

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Medicare bill type
METEOR identifier:	604388
Registration status:	<a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Health</a> , Retired 19/10/2023
Definition:	The type of Medicare billing issued for the provided service, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	<a href="#">Service event—type of Medicare billing</a>
Value Domain:	<a href="#">Medicare bill type code A</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code	
<b>Data type:</b>	String	
<b>Format:</b>	A	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	D	Direct billed (bulk billed)
	P	Patient billed

## Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Department of Health
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## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Direct billed (bulk billed) claims are when the provider of the service accepts the Medicare benefit as full payment for the service.  This occurs when the patient assigns their right to the benefit to the provider. There is no out-of-pocket cost for these services (unless a bulk-billing co-payment is applied).
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## Relational attributes

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Medicare Benefits Schedule \(MBS\) state/territory data extract 2013-14](#)  
[Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Retired 19/10/2023  
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**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2014  
**DSS specific information:**

Variable name = BILLTYPECD