

Patient—hospital insurance status, code N

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Element

Short name: Hospital insurance status

METEOR identifier: 270253

Registration status:

- [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Recorded 16/07/2015
- [Health](#), Superseded 05/10/2016

Definition: Hospital insurance as represented by a code under one of the following categories:

- Registered insurance - hospital insurance with a health insurance fund registered under the National Health Act 1953 (Cwth)
- General insurance - hospital insurance with a general insurance company under a guaranteed renewable policy providing benefits similar to those available under registered insurance
- No hospital insurance or benefits coverage under the above.

Data Element Concept: [Patient—hospital insurance status](#)

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class: Code

Data type: Number

Format: N

Maximum character length: 1

Permissible values:

Value	Meaning
1	Hospital insurance
2	No hospital insurance

Supplementary values:

Value	Meaning
9	Unknown

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Persons covered by insurance for benefits of ancillary services only are included in 2 - no hospital insurance.

The 'unknown' category should not be used in primary collections but can be used to record unknown insurance status in databases.

This metadata item is to determine whether the patient has hospital insurance, not their method of payment for the episode of care.

Comments: Insurance status was reviewed and modified to reflect changes to new private health insurance arrangements under the Health Legislation (Private Health Insurance Reform) Amendment Act 1995.


Employee health benefits schemes became illegal with the implementation of Schedule 2 of the private health insurance reforms, effective on 1 October 1995.

Under Schedule 4 of the private health insurance reforms, on 1 July 1997, the definition of the 'basic private table' or 'basic table', and 'supplementary hospital table' and any references to these definitions was omitted from the National Health Act 1953. All hospital tables offered by registered private health insurers since 29 May 1995 have been referred to as 'Applicable Benefits Arrangements' and marketed under the insurer's own product name.

Source and reference attributes

Origin: National Health Data Committee

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes  [Hospital insurance status, version 3, DE, NHDD, NHMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (15.6 KB) *No registration status*

Has been superseded by [Patient—hospital insurance status, code N](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 09/08/2018
- [Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 23/06/2020

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Admitted patient care NMDSHealth](#), Superseded 07/12/2005

Implementation start date: 01/07/2005

Implementation end date: 30/06/2006

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2006-07Health](#), Superseded 23/10/2006

Implementation start date: 01/07/2006

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[Admitted patient care NMDS 2007-08Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2008

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[Admitted patient care NMDS 2008-09Health](#), Superseded 04/02/2009

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Implementation end date: 30/06/2009

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2009-10Health](#), Superseded 22/12/2009

Implementation start date: 01/07/2009

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[Admitted patient care NMDS 2010-11Health](#), Superseded 18/01/2011

Implementation start date: 01/07/2010

Implementation end date: 30/06/2011

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2011-12Commonwealth Department of Health](#),
Recorded 16/07/2015
[Health](#), Superseded 11/04/2012

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[Admitted patient care NMDS 2012-13Health](#), Superseded 02/05/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

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[Admitted patient care NMDS 2013-14Health](#), Superseded 11/04/2014

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[Admitted patient care NMDS 2014-15Health](#), Superseded 13/11/2014

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[Admitted patient care NMDS 2015-16Health](#), Superseded 10/11/2015

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