

Episode of care (procedure)—contracted procedure flag, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Contract procedure flag
METEOR identifier:	270473
Registration status:	Health , Standard 01/03/2005
Definition:	Designation that a procedure was not performed in this hospital but was performed by another hospital as a contracted service, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Episode of care (procedure)—contracted procedure flag
Value Domain:	Contracted procedure flag code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Contracted admitted procedure
	2	Contracted non-admitted procedure

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Procedures performed at another hospital under contract (Hospital B) are recorded by both hospitals, but flagged by the contracting hospital only (Hospital A). This flag is to be used by the contracting hospital to indicate a procedure performed by a contracted hospital. It also indicates whether the procedure was performed as an admitted or non-admitted service.

Allocation of procedure codes should not be affected by the contract status of an episode: the Australian Coding Standards should be applied when coding all episodes. In particular, procedures which would not otherwise be coded should not be coded solely because they were performed at another hospital under contract.

Procedures performed by a health care service (i.e. not a recognised hospital) should be coded if appropriate. Some jurisdictions may require these to be separately identified and they could be distinguished from contracted hospital procedures through the use of an additional code in the contract procedure flag data item.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Is re-engineered from  [Contract procedure flag, version 1, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (15.3 KB)
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