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# Patient accommodation status

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NHDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 000118                      Version number: 1  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT  
Registration Authority: NHIMG                      Admin status: SUPERSEDED  
Effective date: 30-JUN-93  
Definition: Public or other status of the patient as defined under the Medicare Agreements.

Public patient: an eligible person who, on admission to a recognised hospital or soon after, elects to be a public patient.

A public patient shall be entitled to receive the care and treatment referred to in clause 6.2 of the Medicare Agreements without charge.

Other patients comprise private patient and ineligible patients:  
- A private patient is an eligible person who, on admission to a recognised hospital or as soon as possible thereafter, elects to be a private patient treated by a medical practitioner of his or her own choice. Where such an election is made, the patient assumes responsibility for meeting certain hospital charges as well as the professional charges raised by any treating medical practitioner.  
- An ineligible patient is a person who is not eligible under the Medicare Agreements. (An eligible person is an Australian resident or person who is deemed to be eligible by the Minister for Community Services and Health. See s.3 of the Health Insurance Act 1973 (Cwlth).)

Context: To facilitate analyses of hospital utilisation and policy relating to health care financing.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype: Numeric  
Representational form: CODE  
Representation layout: N  
Minimum Size: 1

Maximum Size: 1

Data Domain: 1            Public patient (hospital patient)  
                  2            Other patient

Related metadata: has been superseded by Patient accommodation eligibility status version 2  
                          is used in conjunction with Compensable status version 1  
                          is used in conjunction with Insurance status version 1

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### *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National minimum data set working parties

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Comments: Data elements 'Patient accommodation eligibility status', 'Compensable status', and 'Type of episode of care' collectively replace the charging classification proposed by the Taskforce on National Hospital Statistics (1988). This latter item included the following codes:

1 = Hospital

2 = Private

1 = Compensable

2 = Long-stay acute

3 = Long-stay nursing home type

4 = Ordinary (Medicare)

5 = Non-Medicare

6 = Long-stay compensable

The Morbidity Working Party took the view that this set of categories was not logically consistent as it uses a mixture of charging categories (1, 3, 5, 6) and length of stay categories (2, 4, 6) and did not include all possible combinations (for example, public nursing home type patient, private nursing home type patient).

The working party agreed that it would be more logical to collect the following simple data categories from which the suggested data categories could be derived, as well as other categories:

- patient accommodation
- compensable status
- type of episode.

The working party also considered collecting the category 'Medicare status':

- Medicare eligible
- not eligible

