Insurance status

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD

Knowledgebase ID: 000075 Version number: 1

Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

Registration NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED

Authority: Effective date: 30-JUN-93

Definition: Whether the patient has private hospital insurance, that is, insurance

with a health insurance fund (for example, Medical Benefits Fund, Medibank Private) providing benefits related to charges for private

accommodation in a hospital.

Context: There is considerable interest in insurance status of hospital patients

in relation to health care financing policy.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational CODE

form:

Representation N

layout:

Minimum Size: 1 Maximum Size: 1

Data Domain: 1 Insured

Not insured

Related metadata: is used in conjunction with Patient accommodation status version 1

is used in conjunction with Compensable status version 1

has been superseded by Insurance status version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National minimum data set working parties

Comments: This item is collected in all States and Territories except the

Northern Territory. The working party noted that there is

considerable interest in this item both at State and Commonwealth

levels. The New South Wales Health Department received many requests for this item.

The Queensland Department of Health provided the working party with data relating to 1983, 1984 and 1985 which showed that there are significant numbers of insured public patients and non-insured private patients.

Although the Morbidity Working Party felt that data on insurance status was unreliable, thus limiting its usefulness, it recommended that this item remain in the National Minimum Data Set.

The Psychiatric Working Party considered this item to be not relevant outside the acute hospital sector as there are no private patients in public psychiatric hospitals (see comment on data element Patient accommodation status). Pension status is a more relevant data item for patients in long-stay institutions. This is included as data element Pension status in the National Minimum Data Set. However, the working party may review this item in the future.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Insurance / benefit characteristic

Data Agreements which include this Data Element