Total leave days

Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD

Knowledgebase ID: 000163   Version number: 3

Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

Registration Authority: NHIMG   Admin status: SUPERSEDED

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Definition: Sum of the length of leave (date returned from leave minus date went on leave) for all periods within the hospital stay.

Context: Recording of leave days allows for exclusion of these from the calculation of patient days. This is important for analysis of costs per patient and for planning. The maximum limit allowed for leave affects admission and separation rates, particularly for long-stay patients who may have several leave periods.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational form: QUANTITATIVE VALUE

Representation layout: NNN

Minimum Size: 1

Maximum Size: 3

Data Domain: NOVAL   Count in number of days

Guide For Use: A day is measured from midnight to midnight.

The following rules apply in the calculation of leave days for both overnight and same-day patients:
- The day the patient goes on leave is counted as a leave day.
- The day the patient is on leave is counted as a leave day.
- The day the patient returns from leave is counted as a patient day.
- If the patient is admitted and goes on leave on the same day, this is counted as a patient day, not a leave day.
- If the patient returns from leave and then goes on leave again on the same day, this is counted as a leave day.

- If the patient returns from leave and is separated on the same day, the day should not be counted as either a patient day or a leave day.

Verification Rules:For the provision of State and Territory hospital data to Commonwealth agencies:
(Date of separation minus Date of admission) minus Total leave days must be >= 0 days.

Related metadata: supersedes previous data element Total leave days version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:
Source Organisation: National Health Data Committee

Comments: It should be noted that for private patients in public and private hospitals, s.3 (12) of the Health Insurance Act 1973 (Cwlth) currently applies a different leave day count, Commonwealth Department of Human Services and Health HBF Circular 354 (31 March 1994).

This item was modified in July 1996 to exclude the previous differentiation between the psychiatric and other patients.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM   Exit / leave from service event

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

| NMDS - Admitted patient care | From 01-Jul-96 to |
| NMDS - Admitted patient mental health care | From 01-Jul-97 to |