Payments to visiting medical officers

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD

Knowledgebase ID: 000236 Version number: 1

Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

Registration NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED

Authority: Effective date: 01-MAR-05

Definition: All payments made by an institutional health care establishment to

visiting medical officers for medical services provided to hospital (public) patients on an honorary, sessionally paid, or fee for service

basis.

A visiting medical officer is a medical practitioner appointed by the hospital board to provide medical services for hospital (public) patients on an honorary, sessionally paid, or fee for service basis. This category includes the same Australian Standard Classification of Occupations codes as the salaried medical officers category.

Context: Health expenditure:

This is a significant element of expenditure for many hospitals (although not for other establishments) and needed for health financing and health expenditure analysis at the national level. Any analysis of health expenditures at the national level would tend to break down if significant components of expenditure were not

available.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational QUANTITATIVE VALUE

form:

Representation \$999,999,999

layout:

Minimum Size: 2 Maximum Size: 12

Data Domain: NOVAL Australian dollars. Rounded to nearest whole

dollar.

Guide For Use: Record as currency up to hundreds of millions of dollars.

Verification Rules:.

Related metadata: relates to the data element Establishment type version 1

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National minimum data set working parties

Comments: Although accepting the need to include visiting medical officer

payments, the Resources Working Party decided not to include data on visiting medical officer services (whether hours or number of sessions or number of services provided) due to collection difficulties and the perception that use of visiting medical officers

was purely a hospital management issue.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Recurrent expenditure

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

NMDS - Public hospital establishments From 01-Jul-89 to

NMDS - Community mental health From 01-Jul-03 to

establishments