
Level of care

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary:	NHDD	Version number:	1
Knowledgebase ID:	000294	Admin status:	RETIRED
Metadata type:	DATA ELEMENT	Effective date:	30-JUN-02
Registration Authority:	NHIMG		
Definition:	The level of care needed by a patient / resident as assessed by the summation of scores on questions contained in the Resident Classification Instrument and subsequent classification into one of five major categories.		
Context:	Residential aged care services: the level of resources and associated costs of providing care to residential aged care residents depends on the levels of dependency of the residents. This field is an attempt to measure the levels of care required by individual residents in order that an overall profile of the residential aged care service population can be obtained. Such a profile is necessary to help explain cost variations both between residential aged care services and over time. At present there is no method of determining the underlying population demand for residential aged care service beds. changes on the level of care required on admission to a residential aged care service may also provide a useful indication of changes in demand. This data element also provides a summary profile of dependency of resident population, as a basis for monitoring changes in resident profile as a consequence of assessment and other measures being introduced.		

Relational and Representational Attributes

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

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Data Domain:	1	Very high need
	2	High need
	3	Medium need
	4	Low need
	5	Very low need
	6	Ordinary care (non-RCI)
	7	Extensive care (non-RCI)

Guide For Use: For State residential aged care services not using Resident Classification Instrument, the level of care as measured by resident classification into ordinary or extensive care.

Collection Methods: This item is based on the Resident Classification Instrument, which has been replaced.

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National minimum data set working parties

Comments: .

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Assessment event

Data Agreements which include this Data Element
